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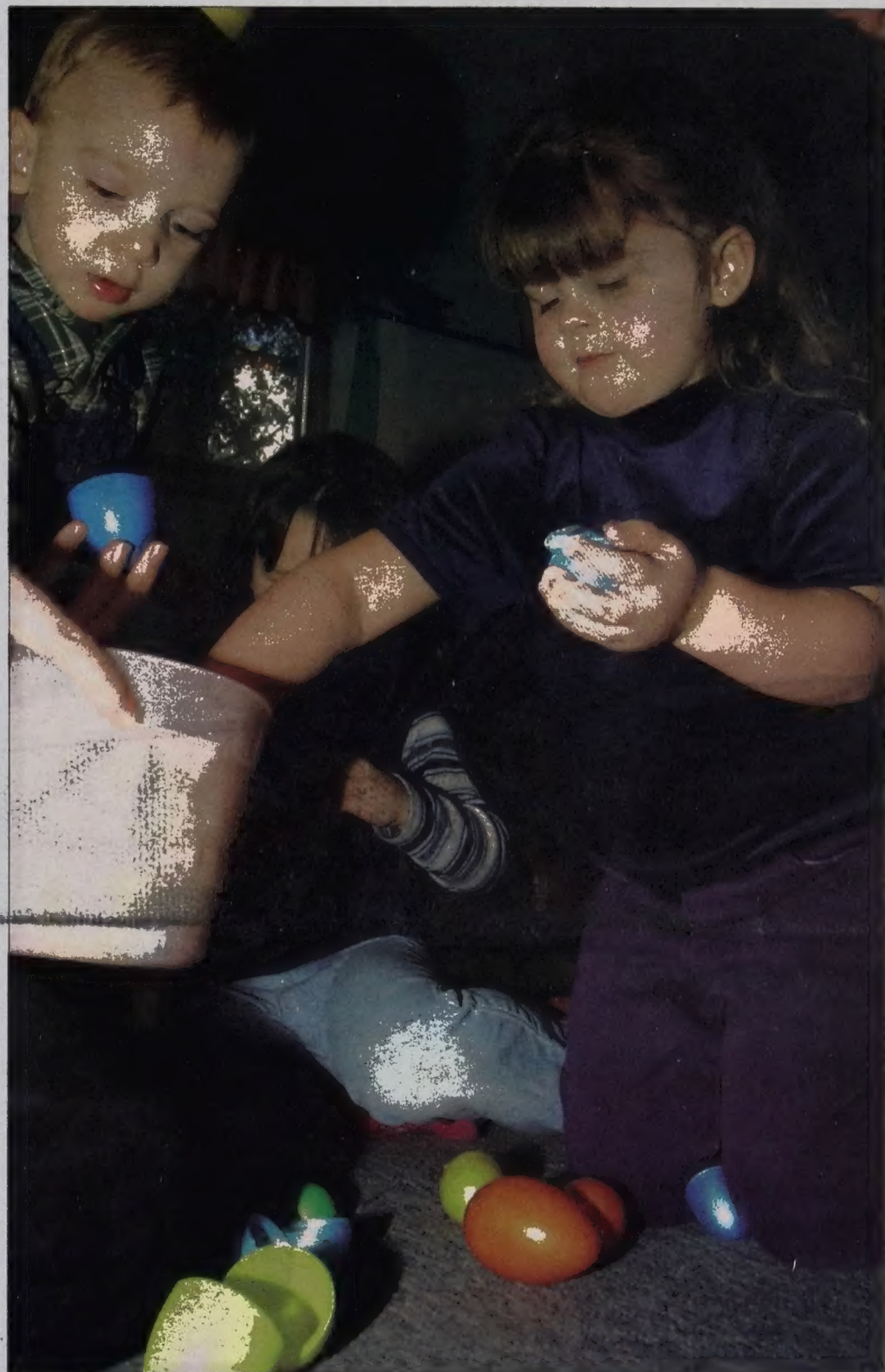
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The sweet sound of
yodelling will be heard
loud and clear in Minden
this Canada Day.

Clean and Clear by-law goes to the people

by ALLISON TAYLOR
Times staff

For the next 30 days, the fate of the fac-
tious Clean and Clear by-law will rest in the
hands of Minden Hills residents.
With the first and second reading of the
by-law out of the way after being passed at
the March 28 council meeting in a nail-bit-
ing recorded vote of four to three, the next
step in the process of re-tabling the issue is
to garner feedback from ratepayers in the
municipality, said Reeve Ross Rigney.
Rigney brought the hotly debated issue
back to the foreground this past month after
the by-law was initially defeated at a meet-
ing when he was on vacation in September
of 2001. Upon his suggestion to the
Legislation, Building, By-law and Fire
Committee, the committee recommended
that council re-table the by law in three
phases.
Step one was the first and second hearing
of the by-law, which was passed last week.
Now the council will observe a 30-day wait-
ing period in an effort to get feedback from
local residents. When that time is up, council
members will hear the third and final read-
ing of the by-law and cast their votes accord-
ingly. The third reading is tentatively sched-
uled for the April 25 council meeting.
Copies of the proposed by-law, now
named By-Law No. 02-21, will be posted on
the township website and will also be avail-
able for anyone who requests a copy from
the municipality.
The by-law has stirred things up in
Minden Hills as it would regulate the main-
tenance of properties within the township
and require those violating the by-law to
clean their property at their own expense.
Councillors are split almost down the mid-
dle but for the most part their individual
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Easter bunny visits CHACE
Haley Moore reaches in for her treat, ready to place the chocolate egg in her plastic Easter
egg at the CHACE Resource Centre's Easter festivities on Thursday morning.

OPSEU strike has fish hatchery worried about thousands of fingerlings

by JERRY GROZELLE
Times staff

With 10,000 Haliburton strain lake trout
and 30,000 speckled trout resident at the
Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association
Hatchery, there is some concern about what

will happen if the current OPSEU strike con-
tinues much past the end of April. The usual
time for stocking the fish is the end of April
or the first week of May and if the strike con-
tinues, the MNR helicopters are not expected
to be available to stock the lakes that are not
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MNR says lakes will be stocked with Haliburton fish, whether or not strike is over

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accessible by truck.

"We're working on a contingency plan right now," said Ministry of Natural Resources Area Supervisor Bill Hutson, of the Minden office. "It will happen (the stocking) one way or another."

Hutson said hatchery managers and management staff from other parts of the province will be recruited to assist with the transfer of fish from the HHOA hatchery facility to lakes and streams in the area.

"We will need somebody with extensive knowledge of stocking and a lot of volunteers to get them out," Hutson said.

The volunteer help, in this case, won't be a problem. The HHOA Hatchery already has an extensive network of volunteers who have helped with the rearing and stocking of fish from this facility for the past several years. HHOA vice-president John Ball is in charge of the operation of the hatchery. He said keeping the fish at the hatchery more than a week or two past the usual stocking time is not something he considers a viable option.

"That would be pushing it," Ball said.

The speckled trout are kept in ponds outside the hatchery and he is concerned that the water temperature in the pond could be a problem, especially if we experience some unseasonably mild weather before the fish can be stocked.

He is not concerned about the availability of volunteers to help get the fish stocked. The volunteers are prepared to spring into action on 24 hours, or even less, notice.

"We can do whatever the MNR wants us to do," he

said. "We will have everything ready."

His only concern is that some of the lakes that may be designated for speckled trout may not be accessible by truck, especially at this time of year, when roads or trails are too soft to support vehicular traffic. In a worst-case scenario, alternate bodies of water may have to be chosen to receive the fish.

"The problem is not on our end," Ball said. "We can do it."

Ball also pointed out that if the strike continues and the fish have to be stocked later than usual, it could be into the fire season and helicopters may be needed to fight fires and therefore be unavailable for stocking, even if the strike ends just after the normal stocking time of late April or early May. During the stocking process, the ministry usually brings thousands of rainbow trout and splake to the Highlands by truck from the MNR hatchery in North Bay. Many of those fish are also stocked by helicopter. However, if the strike issues remain unresolved, it could be difficult to find enough MNR management personnel to deliver those fish.

Ball noted that the HHOA Hatchery has 40,000 fish to worry about while the ministry operated hatcheries have millions of fish to be stocked.

The Haliburton strain of lake trout will be stocked without the need of helicopters. They are destined for Miskwabi, Esson and Koshlong Lakes, all of which are accessible by truck. Ball said they are scheduled to be stocked in late April.

Ball is hoping the government will "get 'em back to work" sooner, rather than later, a sentiment Bill Hutson agrees would be the ideal situation. Ball suggests that those who are concerned about the fishery in the Highlands should contact their MPP with encouragement to come up with an agreement that will get the striking workers back on the job as soon as possible.

A meeting has been scheduled at the hatchery tomorrow (April 2) to work out details of the contingency plan.

Jaws of life used to rescue Minden golf course owner from wrecked van

by JERRY GROZELLE
Times staff

Three members of the Stevens family of Minden cheated the Grim Reaper last Tuesday.

Dave Stevens, his wife Sonia and their daughter Stefanie were on the way to Oshawa to a doctor's appointment during the early spring storm when their van slid off the road and struck a tree just north of Oshawa.

The van struck the tree on the driver's side and Dave suffered a serious leg injury. His left femur was fractured in two places and he underwent surgery Thursday to repair the damage.

Still shaken by the experience, her voice wavering, Sonia explained that a stainless steel rod was being implanted in her husband's leg to help fuse the bone back together.

Fortunately, she and Stefanie suffered only minor bumps and bruises.

"Thank God we're all still alive," Sonia said. "I think the Man upstairs was watching over us."

Dave was transported to St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto from the accident scene.

"They had to use the jaws of life to cut him out of the van," Sonia said.

Besides the emergency personnel — fire, ambulance and police — several people stopped to assist at the scene of the accident. "A lot of nice people stopped to help, she said. "Some left blankets. We're very grateful to them all."

Stefanie, a popular student at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School who is confined to a wheelchair, had undergone surgery recently and was on her way to Oshawa for a post-surgery check-up when the accident occurred.

The Stevens family is well known in the area as owner of the Beaverbrook Golf Course.

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Moving In:

With more than twice the floor space, Minden Animal Clinic is excited about opening the doors to its new location in the former Minden Hospital. Dogs and cats (and their owners) will start making their way to the new clinic today



by JERRY GROZELLE
Times staff

The Minden Animal Clinic has moved to its new location in the old Minden Hospital building.

After three months of renovations, including a new roof, fresh paint in almost every room of the building and extensive work on the floors veterinarian/clinic owner Dr. Peter Bennett, his wife Sue, the staff of the clinic and several other helpers moved equipment, fixtures and furniture from the old location on Bobcaygeon Road North to the spacious new quarters on Main Street near Highway 35.

The new location offers twice the floor space of the former location on the main floor alone. The new clinic boasts 4,000 square feet on the main level, while the old facility had about 2,000 on two floors.

Bennett said staff will remain the same at the new clinic unless demand for service increases, which he speculates is a possibility. The new location, with its proximity to Highway 35 may result in a greater demand for service.

"We'll have to wait and see if it gets busy enough to justify an increase in staff," Bennett said. "We've had a lot of resumes."

The Minden Animal Clinic provides full service — from pet food to major surgery, and everything in between.

The staff includes two veterinarians and four support staff, including Sue Bennett. Nikolai Davis is the other vet on staff. Services offered aren't expected to change much in the near future. "We'll just have bigger and better facilities to do it from," Bennett said.

One new piece of equipment Bennett has added is an ultrasound machine. "We're not completely familiar with it yet. It's something we didn't have room for before," Bennett said.

Another piece of equipment he was able to obtain is a larger X-ray machine. "It was original hospital equipment," Bennett said. "It was moved out of here and we managed to buy it back again. It's a really nice unit."

Getting the new facility ready for the move has been a seven day a week project for the past three months for the Bennetts. Over that time, Bennett said his staff was very supportive, taking up any slack while the renovations were being done.

The new clinic sports a new sign, which Sue Bennett calls "moderate and tasteful." It sits where the old blue and white hospital sign was at the corner of the building. The sign was designed by Cathy Sweeney of County Sign and Display.

The community has been very supportive," Sue Bennett said.

Although the new facility is now officially open, the Bennetts plan to have a grand opening ceremony on May 25 from 1 to 4 p.m..



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Minden Veterinarian Peter Bennett carries a few things into the new Minden Animal Hospital located at the old Minden Hospital, above. At right, veterinarian assistant Tammy Smith shows the new operating room inside the Minden Animal Hospital scheduled to open today, April 1. There will be an open house for the public from 1 - 4 pm on May 25.

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Chamber of Commerce needs the county's help to dig itself out of deep financial hole

by MARTHA PERKINS
Special to The Times

The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce acted too much like the winner of a lottery when it received a huge infusion of cash from the county and province, the Chamber's president told county councillors on Wednesday.

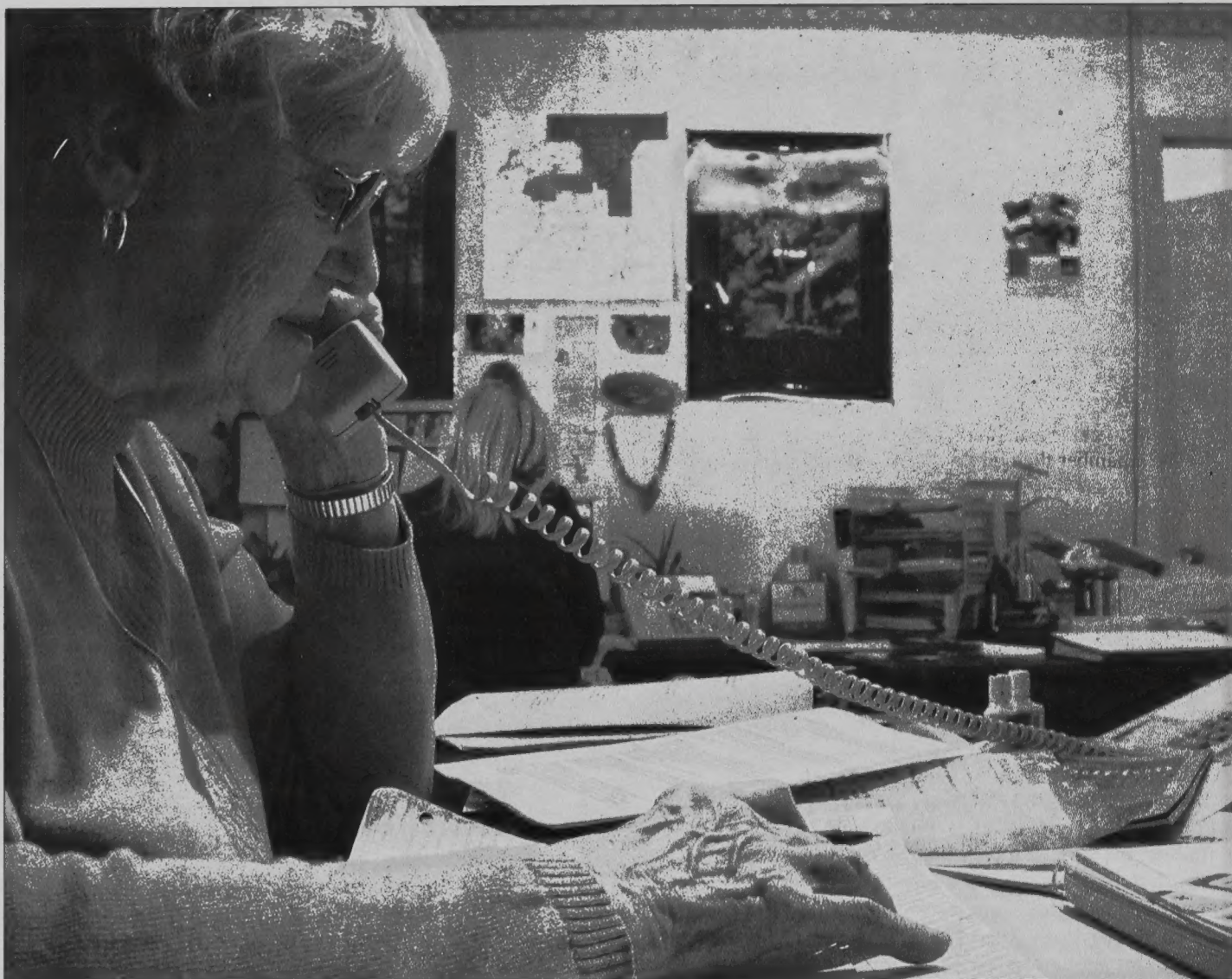
"In retrospect," Diana Ferguson said, "we received too much money, too quickly, and like many lottery winners, we were not prepared to cope with apparent financial freedom."

As a result, the Chamber spent money it didn't have, incurred ongoing costs that need to be sustained with fresh funding and now finds itself having to close one of its two offices and lay off a worker.

It also has no immediate plans to hire a manager to replace Peter Rigby, whose contract with the Chamber was not renewed in January.

Ferguson says the Chamber's new board recognizes the problems of the past

Martha Perkins/TIMES



Volunteers such as Elinor Hamilton are even more vital to the Chamber of Commerce. After spending more money than it should have last year, the Chamber has had to close one of two offices and lay off one employee.

and has come up with a plan to address them. This plan includes checks and balances to ensure it doesn't dig itself back into the same predicament.

To do this, however, it needs \$150,000 from the county.

Knowing that the county would be reticent to support the Chamber's request given its past stewardship of funds, Ferguson and her vice-chairman, Jim Henwood, came to council with a detailed business plan. It not only outlines how the

money will be spent, but also gives deadlines for the projects and ways to measure whether goals have been reached.

"I think we're in a position to prove ourselves to you," she said.

Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Don Shortreed supported Ferguson's confidence in the new board and its ability to turn the Chamber around financially.

"I've been very impressed with their enthusiasm," he said. "You've got a dedi-

cated committee to work for you... They impressed me and I think they'll do the work. I think they deserve the chance."

Ferguson began her presentation by outlining the Chamber's past mistakes and plans to address them.

Following the Randolph Report, which set out a new role for the Chamber as the prime force behind economic development, the county increased the Chamber's funding threefold, from \$50,000 a year to

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Chamber assures county that new checks and balances will prevent a repeat of problems

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\$150,000. This allowed the Chamber to tap into provincial funding of \$200,000. (The Chamber thought this funding would be ongoing; it turns out it was one-time funding.)

New staff was hired and a second office, at Heritage Plaza across from the information centre, was opened to house Rigby, his executive assistant and an event coordinator. This office cost \$16,000 a year.

"None of that money was budgetted for," Ferguson said. The office was closed last week.

Then, when Rigby presented the Chamber's budget to county council, his figures showed that the Chamber would provide \$100,000 towards the entire budget when in fact it only had \$50,000 to contribute.

"I don't know where the numbers came from" Ferguson said, "so we were in the hole to start with."

This meant the Chamber spent money it didn't in fact have and "a lot of the county money was used to make up the shortfall," Ferguson said.

Expectations of revenue for the Destination Guide was also out of sync with reality. The Guide, which is a major marketing tool, generated \$35,000 in advertising yet cost \$50,000 to print. Ferguson said advertising rates will likely have to increase to cover most of the costs.

Another problem is that the increased funding allowed the Chamber to embark on several projects which now need new funding to be sustained.

For instance, there's the new county website, which will eventually include the county's website. It must be updated constantly to be of any value and that costs money. The Chamber has budgetted

\$8,000 for it for this year, with half the money coming from partners.

The county maps are "flying out the door" and are so popular, the Chamber wants to print more at a cost of \$6,000. Other partners would provide \$4,500.

The creation of the map "wouldn't have happened without the provincial and county money, but it has now created a demand," she said.

There was however, some positive fallout from the increased funding, Ferguson added. Previously, the Chamber was primarily an information booth, handing out information and brochures.

The Chamber wanted to expand its role as a business organization and focus on economic development. Plans were put into place to achieve these goals, but unfortunately, the goals were not always reached. "I'm disappointed we didn't achieve more with economic development," she said. "We should have."

She said the past board had to accept some of the responsibility for these problems. "The previous board didn't ask the right questions [and] answers were taken verbatim."

However, the county also had a representative on the Chamber and "nothing came forward formally [from the county] about the lack of movement forward," Ferguson said. (Before Shortreed, who was appointed in January, the county's representative was Minden Hills Reeve Ross Rigney.)

Commenting on the decision not to renew Rigby's contract, Ferguson said "this is never an easy task and is even more difficult for a volunteer board in a small community, but it had to be done. A subsequent review of our contractual obligations and funding expenditures over the past two years has served to reinforce our decision."

Today, after weeks of re-organization, the Chamber wants to move forward.

The second office at Heritage Plaza has been closed and space for executive assistant Heather Deveau and events co-ordinator Carol Moffatt has been found across the highway at the information centre. Karen Eager, one of the Chamber's four staff members has been laid off.

"Various directors," Ferguson says "have accepted supervisory responsibility and I along with Jim Henwood will be available on a day to day basis for the staff."

"This is not an ideal structure but fortunately our board is willing to step up to the plate and our staff have already demonstrated an enormous amount of initiative. Until such time as we can afford a general manager and quite frankly, until such time that the Chamber has demonstrated its capability to you, this is the way it will have to be."

"We are fortunate in having Bob Hall, a certified management accountant, as our treasurer. Bob too has been busy over the past two months, with the reviews, but also setting up our books of account, budget reporting and accounting practices for the future. This will enable us to understand where we stand on a timely basis. Expenditures and commitments will be allocated through a purchase order system that will require board and executive approvals. It is not enough to have our books in balance; they must also reflect a true picture of our finances, particularly with respect to the funding we receive from you and other government sources."

Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey said "I don't mind supporting the Chamber but only if I know emphatically that it will be done differently and there will be accountability..."

"The Chamber of Commerce represents

business and the least you could do is operate like a business."

He worried about what will happen when Ferguson and Henwood burn out from their increased responsibilities. "When you [Ferguson] get tired and Jim gets tired, then we'll have to hire a general manager [on top of the \$150,000 contribution.]"

Dysart Deputy-reeve Bill Davis asked if the \$150,000 could be pared down in any way.

"This is the bottom line," Ferguson said. "We brought it down from \$225,000 originally."

Davis also asked if the Chamber's membership has been adversely affected from the controversy surrounding the decision not to renew Peter Rigby's contract but Henwood said "we basically have the same membership numbers."

Minden Hills Deputy-reeve Jim McMahon said that in the 19 years he's been in business in Minden, he's only been approached by the Chamber once.

Henwood said "I think we're in a position to prove ourselves [to members and potential members.]"

Minden Hills Ross Rigney questioned the Chamber's total budget of \$264,000 if \$150,000 was to come from the county and \$50,000 was to come from memberships and other Chamber funds. He was told that there was \$35,000 in income from the Destination Guild plus such things as trade show contributions and shared costs for specialty publications.

Rigney also said, apparently as a criticism, that "this is a tourism driven budget and has nothing to do with economic development."

In closing, Ferguson said "the Chamber has an excellent board of directors. They are focused, committed and capable of achieving a great deal. We also have an extraordinarily loyal staff, who in the past two months have accomplished an enormous amount at the cost of putting their lives on hold. We hope that we will be in a position to reward their contribution at some point, but in the meantime we are very grateful."

When the discussion ended, the Chamber was told its request would be considered in further detail during the county's budget negotiations, which begin next month.

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Reeve's deciding vote puts clean and clear by-law one step closer to passing

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opinions have not changed since the initial tie vote last fall. The only factor that has changed is Rigney's presence and his vocal support of the by-law, providing what some may call an edge to the side voting in favour of the Clean and Clear.

The topic once again seemed to elevate the blood pressure of a few of the councillors at the recent meeting.

Before voting on the first and second reading, Councillor Ingram Wessell said he took exception to the fact that council had agreed to table the by-law again, especially after the same council had already defeated it.

"I can understand if a new council wanted to bring the by-law back to the table, but I don't think the same council should," he said.

Wessell originally wanted to speak to the issue before approving the minutes of the Legislation, Building, By-law and Fire Committee. Wessell said it was appropriate to discuss the by-law before approving the minutes, since the two items were interlaced. In other words he didn't want to approve the minutes without vocalizing his opinion on the Clean and Clear by-law. His efforts were thwarted by Councillor Peter Oyler.

"I understand that it is perfectly legal to bring a by-law back

on the table, but I don't think of it as being the gentlemanly thing to do," Wessell said.

Interrupting Wessell mid sentence, Oyler said it wasn't the proper time to address the subject.

"We're not here to discuss the by-law at this time," Oyler said to Wessell after interrupting him a second time and raising his voice higher than his fellow councillor.

Their two voices gradually got louder as they tried to overpower each other for the attention of the chair.

After being interrupted the second time Wessell stopped and asked Oyler who the reeve was at the council?

"Are you the reeve here now, Peter," Wessell asked. "Are you the reeve?"

The conversation faded after the real reeve stopped the heated discussion and told council the issue would come to the forefront later in the agenda.

When it did, Wessell asked Oyler with a little tongue-in-cheek if he was "allowed to speak." He then asked the council for clarification on why the by-law was back on the table after it had already been dealt with in a democratic fashion, he said.

"I can be defeated and that's fine," Wessell said, "I feel that this time this is unfair."

Oyler asked permission from the reeve to respond to the question.

"Any member who voted against it is allowed to bring it back," he said. "It was reintroduced by the reeve who was away at that time."

Oyler reminded the council that he initially wanted to defer the motion and wait for Rigney to return to the council table. His suggestion was rejected. The by-law was subsequently voted on and it was rejected at that time, Oyler said.

"Now the reeve has brought the issue back to the table and as such if the bill loses or wins, it gives the reeve a right to vote. Quite simply, some of us agree and some don't. It's time to put the issue to bed."

Rigney said that all councillors will be away at some point and they were allowed to bring issues back to the table if they felt so inclined.

Bringing the issue back to the table wasn't the main concern of Deputy-Reeve Jim McMahon.

McMahon was more concerned with enforcing the by-law. He said in past meetings that he would vote against the by-law unless the council could demonstrate how it would be enforced.

Rigney has said in the past the Clean and Clear by-law would be dealt with on a complaint-dri-



Darren Lum/TIMES

Councillor Ingram Wessell voiced strong opposition to the by-law, saying that council shouldn't even be addressing the issue after it was voted down last year.

ven basis and the township's by-law officers would not drive around the municipality hunting down people who needed to clean their property.

On the quest for input from the public, council has heard one delegation from Minden Hills resident Bruce Bozec, showing support for the issue.

So far two people have asked to speak at the next committee meeting on April 9, said Deputy-Clerk Twyla Nicholson. A request for a third delegation

has been made. "The requests are coming in," she said.

The township will advertise the by-law and make copies available to anyone who requests it.

In the recorded vote, councillor members voting against the by-law were Bill Valentine, McMahon and Wessell.

Those councillor members voting for the Clean and Clear by-law were Ron Buchanan, Bill Obee, Oyler and Rigney.

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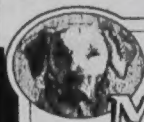
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Airport tests to determine whether expansion is clear for take-off

by ALLISON TAYLOR
Times staff

Look out below.

Drilling got underway at the Stanhope Airport this past week as part of an ongoing feasibility study being conducted by the Township of Algonquin Highlands.

As part of the Stanhope Airport Master Plan, the study is being conducted to find out if it is possible to extend the existing runway at the airport.

"It's really exciting," said Airport Manager John Packer.

Test holes between eight and 10 feet deep are being drilled along a portion of the airport, exploring potential boulders and any other surprises that might be found below the surface.

Before any additions can occur at the airport, this testing must be completed and the results presented to council for a final decision.

"We need to make sure we don't have to

move any rock," Packer said, "the results will also tell us if there are any blasting requirements to do this [extension]."

Along with rock testing, there will also be soil samples and an array of other tests conducted.

The proposed runway will extend northwest and southeast, just over two-thirds down the existing runway, Packer said, and will be anywhere from 3,000 to 4,000 feet long.

"It's bigger than we already have," he

said.

Packer said the runway extension is an important development in not only the township of Algonquin Highlands, but also for Haliburton County.

The longer runway will be safer from an aircraft perspective, providing more time for pilots to land their planes all year long, especially in the winter months when ice and snow are a factor, and it will also be a big boost economically, he said.

The proposed runway extension will

expand the existing runway on an angle, through an area where "very few people or really nobody lives."

"The runway will be through trees which will act as a buffer zone," he said.

With this particular location, the noise will be contained within the trees.

"We are trying to avoid as much conflict as possible," Packer said.

The testing will continue and all compiled data will be presented to council before a final decision is made.



Darren Lum/TIMES

Volunteer Tom Journeaux and township worker Bill Mueller dig an 8-foot test hole at the northeast corner of the Stanhope Airport on Thursday morning. This work is part of a study to determine whether to expand the existing runway, four weeks.

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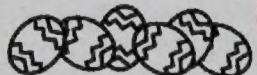
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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Strike threatens wildlife

As the OPSEU strike drags on, the potential for unintended adverse consequences increases to the area's wildlife. What if no agreement is reached before the real danger of forest fires is upon us? Will the provincial government declare fire fighting personnel emergency services and order them back to work? Are provisions already in place to address such a situation?

What will happen if the strike isn't over by the time the millions of fish that have been raised in several provincial hatcheries must be stocked in lakes, rivers and streams across the province? That is a concern that has been raised at the local level. The Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association Hatchery currently has 30,000 speckled trout and 10,000 Haliburton strain lake trout at its facility. Although the "Haliburton Gold," as they are affectionately referred to, don't seem to be in jeopardy, the fate of the specks depends on a timely transfer to their new homes within the area's lakes and streams.

The lake trout can be transported by truck to the three Ministry of Natural Resources designated lakes – Miskwabi, Esson and Koshlong – and the hatchery volunteers have the knowledge and experience to deliver the fish little or no MNR supervision, if necessary.

The speckled trout must be transported to many of the designated lakes by helicopter. If the strike is still in progress by the first week of May, that may not be possible. Alternate destinations which are accessible by truck will have to be chosen, some of which may not be ideal, although acceptable under the circumstances. We are assured by MNR management that the fish will be stocked and to that end, contingency plans are being drafted.

Another concern that has been raised is the possibility of poachers pillaging wildlife with relative impunity while conservation officers walk the picket line. We have heard of people fishing on Haliburton's Head Lake after the March 15 closure. After March 15, the lake is officially designated as a sanctuary, giving the walleye some relief from fishing pressure while they stage for the coming spawning run. Many conservation-minded groups and individuals worked hard and lobbied the MNR to close the season two weeks early to enhance the walleye fishery in the Kashagawigamog chain of lakes.

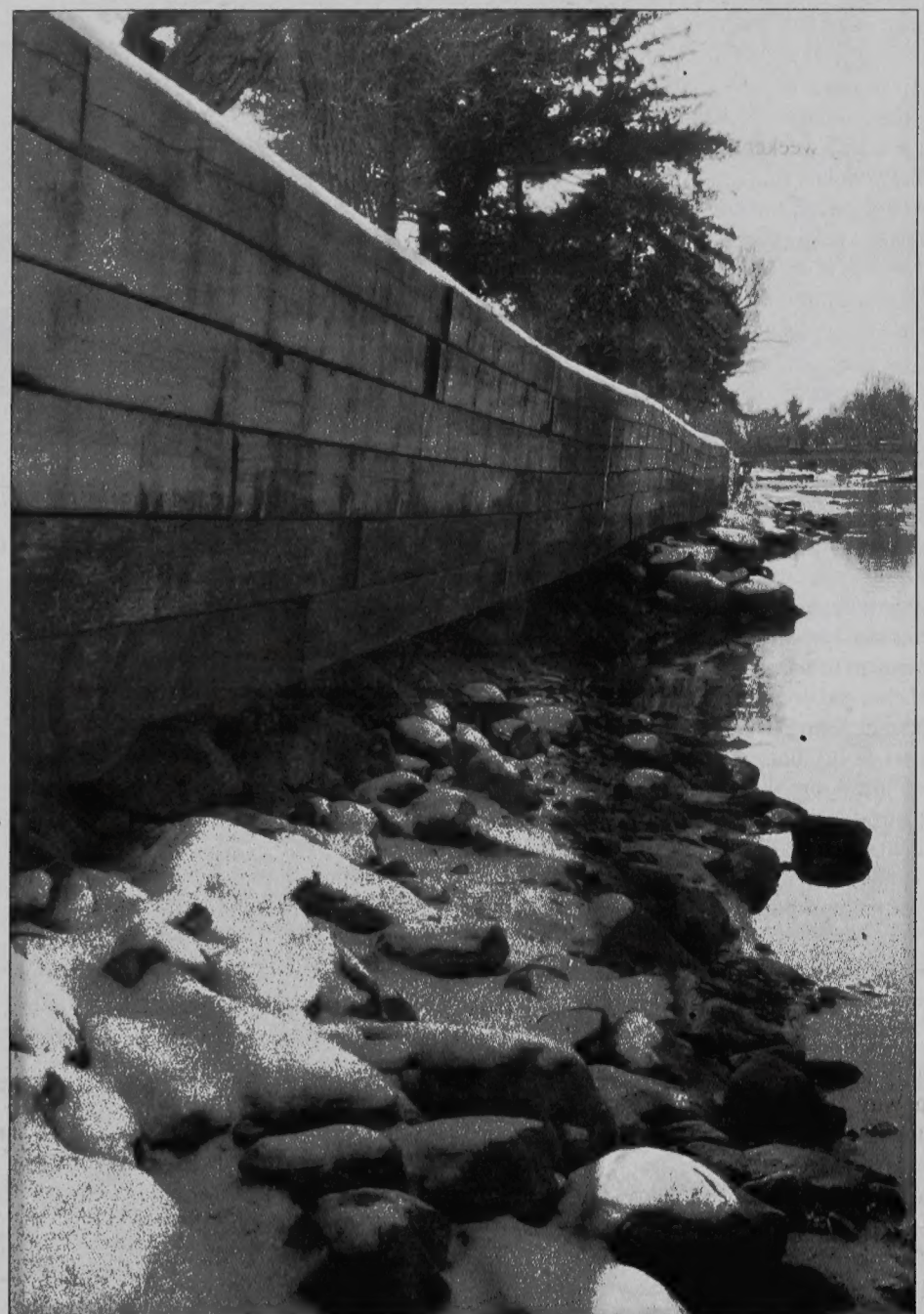
A few individuals who have no regard for the regulations can do considerable damage to the walleye population by taking some of the large spawning females.

Deer and moose are also potentially at risk and susceptible to poaching at this time of year. They are often seen along the side of roads at this time of year, where food is more readily available and minerals from winter road salting operations attract them.

While the strike continues, only managers are available to enforce the game and fish laws, which means only the most serious cases are likely to get much attention. The public can help by identifying poachers, taking down licence numbers and reporting violations. District Enforcement Supervisor Dan Smith says he will do what he can to investigate any reports of serious violations. He recommends calling the government office in Minden and if he, or another manager is unable to take the call immediately, leave a message with the appropriate voice mail and the call will be answered as soon as possible. As he pointed out, it won't be business as usual as long as the strike continues, but he will do what he can to see that violators are charged.

We can only hope that both sides in this dispute can come to a reasonable compromise so the OPSEU workers can get back to work as soon as possible.

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IMAGES OF THE HIGHLANDS

Low water along the Gull in Minden

by DARREN LUM/TIMES

TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

Clean and clear 'overdue'

To the Editor:

I am a property owner and a ratepayer in Haliburton Highlands. My family and I would like to give our most sincere thanks to the council members of the Minden Hills Township in support of the "Clean and Clear" by-law which has been long overdue. The council of the Minden Hills Township should be commended and congratulated for its proactive leadership role in reintroducing the "Clean and Clear" by-law.

Most, if not all of the residents, (permanent and seasonal) have chosen Haliburton County primarily for its unmatched natural beauty, peace and quiet, and relatively healthy and unpolluted environment. The property owners and the people of this county are proud of their natural heritage and have demonstrated this by their ongoing commitment to stewardship of the land, and maintaining and preserving the clean and pristine status of their properties, homes and cot-

tages.

While the majority of Haliburton residents and property owners have followed the famous motto of "Keep it beautiful", a very few have decided to follow their own motto of "Yours to destroy", with devastating impact on their neighbours and the community.

When we bought our property, we paid legal fees to our lawyer to conduct a proper title search to ensure that there were no existing or planned garbage dumps or other sources of contamination near our property. About five years later the present owners of a nearby property moved in. Since then and over the past five years many derelict vehicles have been brought and stored on that property. Currently there are an estimated 30-40 derelict vehicles of different sizes and shapes on this property. We fear that most if not all of these vehicles are leaking engine oil, transmission oil and other hazardous chemicals, and are polluting the environ-

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IN OTHER WORDS

Columnists and Letters to the Editor

The Hills (of Minden) are alive...

If you've ever thought that central Ontario needed a shot of Swiss culture and precision look no further than the upcoming Eastern North America Yodeling Festival and Championships, to be held in Minden on the banks of the Gull River this Canada Day weekend. It's then that professional yodelers from all over the world will converge on the town "bringing lederhosen, yodeling and good cheer."

Although I've made fun of yodeling and lederhosen in the past, this event is no laughing matter. Organizers have been trying to bring the festival to Minden for the last seven years, and they've finally succeeded.

"Why not?" says organizing committee member Jerry Grozelle. "We've got the best yodeling platform in North America." He's referring to the Scenic Lookout on the edge of town. It's there that the yodeling competitors will vie for the coveted "Slim Whitman Trophy," professional yodeling's equivalent to the Stanley Cup. Experts suggest that the sound of yodeling will carry down the Gull River as far as Norland, if the wind is right. "In any case," beamed

Grozelle, "the sweet sound of yodeling will be heard loud and clear in town all weekend long. It'll be great!"

"But it's not just about yodeling," says Grozelle. "Yodelpalooza is a great big festival complete with lederhosen vendors, milk chocolate concessions, cuckoo clocks and the world's biggest Swiss cheese." Organizers expect 12,000 yodeling aficionados to converge on town.

Okay, it doesn't exactly sound like Woodstock, but consider the famous Swiss Outdoor Beer Garden, where instead of waitresses, a team of well-trained Saint Bernards will bring patrons their drinks in little casks hung from their big canine necks. "They're the same dogs you've all heard about who rescue skiers. They're a real crowd-pleaser too," says Grozelle. "Somehow, they've been trained to differentiate between beer and liquor tickets and they can also sniff out minors - so kids,

don't even try. Patrons should bring lots of dog biscuits or rawhide bones for tips."

There will be Swiss steak, Swiss chard, and more. And speaking of fine food, the giant cheese to be unveiled at the festival, is 14-feet across and six feet deep. Grozelle says that holes are being drilled in it, even as we speak. "A lot of people don't realize that hole placement in Swiss cheese is not just random; there's actually quite a science to it. In Switzerland, boys apprentice for four years before they are even allowed to touch a block. It's all about proper air circulation."

Organizers also plan on a floating "Cheese of the Alps" display on the Gull River just off South Water Street. If all goes as planned, festival-goers will be able to purchase tickets to guess the weight of the giant cheese, with the humungous block going to the winner or his or her favourite charity.

Then there's the Swiss White Water Yodelers, Switzerland's famed kayaking team, which will give a stunning display of yodeling and precision white water rafting at the Minden White Water Preserve. "They're so good," says Grozelle, "that they don't even stop yodeling after they capsize."

You'll be able to meet Ima Weissakre, Miss Lederhosen International for 2002. She'll be on hand to give yodeling lessons, banking seminars and discussing the resurgence of lederhosen, those famous and sexy Swiss mountain shorts.

"It's a pretty big lineup already," says Grozelle. "And, if we get the Ricolla Lozenge Company and Swiss Chalet onside as sponsors, things will get even better. Along those lines, the first person who shows up at the Minden Times wearing Lederhosen will win an exciting promotional package."

Of course they'll have to give a rudimentary yodel as well. Grozelle suggests something like, "Ivebeenhadeoooo!"



BEYOND35

Steve Galea

Forget Osama - watch out for your pants!

It is a hazardous and unpredictable orb of rocks and gases that you and I inhabit, old chum. Never mind the omnipresent threat of rogue meteorites, runaway floral delivery vans, or raving nutters toting home-made thermonuclear devices in Kids R Us satchels on the cross-town bus - never mind all that.

Have you considered the threat of...

Tea cozies?

Toilet roll holders?

False teeth?

I thought not.

According to this report from the U.K. Department of Trade and Industry which I'm holding before me in asbestos mitts, there's been an 85 per cent increase in hospital admission injuries over the past three years from human encounters with...tea cozies.

(Tea cozies, for those of you too callow and untried to have experienced the entire

spectrum of tannic beverages, are little woolen thingies that one puts around teapots to keep the tea warm. Folks have been doing it for eons. Think of them as Iron Age thermal blankets.)

Tea lovers have been unaccountably tripping, slipping and otherwise maiming themselves on tea cozies more often in the past few years - and that's not the half of it.

Toilet roll holders have laid 329 innocent bystanders (okay, by-sitters) low since 1999, treacherous encounters with false teeth incapacitated a further 933 souls. And a mind-bobbling

16,662 British citizens required medical assistance after going toe to toe

with...sofas. Or davenports. Or chesterfields.

Instruments of the Devil, by any other name.

But tea cozies, toilet rolls, sofas, all of these societal snakes-in-the-grass pale before the truly most treacherous and unpredictable enemy of modern humankind.

I am referring, of course, to men's trousers.

According to this British Department of Trade and Industry report, there were an astounding - I can barely type this - 5,945 personal injuries attributed to 'trouser incidents' in one year alone. Why, even chain saws accounted for a mere 1,207 injuries!



ARTHUR BLACK

Columnist

Effective by-law needed to protect property values

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ment including the soil, the surface and underground waters.

On many weekends the roar and rumble of revving up a car or a truck engine with no muffler, reverberates throughout the small neighbourhood, and the deafening noise destroys the peace and quiet of this otherwise peaceful community. A few times each summer the owner uses some of these vehicles to entertain his guests with a demolition derby show in his backyard/field which lasts all day. During the latest episode of these chase and crash games on July 28, 2001, a fuel tank seemed to have ruptured and a fire started which was soon spreading. It was a frightening sight. This was during the peak of the summer drought and the height of a province-wide fire ban. Clearly, the problem of "private dumps" is not limited to just being an eyesore.

These dumps are sources of pollution, leaking hazardous chemicals into the environment, and they are major sources of fire hazards and in particular noise pollution. It should not be hard to understand the frustration of people like us who drive hundreds of miles to seek peace and quiet in their private properties, only to arrive and be disturbed by unbearable noise of the engines with no mufflers.

Due to the problems described above, like our other neighbours, we too feel that we have lost the quiet and peaceful enjoyment of our properties. As a result, the degradation in property value in this area is very significant. We need an effective and timely "Clean and Clear" by-law to enforce the cleanup of these unsightly and unhealthy properties, and to discour-

age and prevent other similar problems in the future. Without the "Clean and Clear" by-law the recovery of property value in this area is impossible, and the fair market values will continue to erode further,

which in turn, will negatively affect the tax base for the townships and the county.

The reality is that nobody wants a property near any garbage dump unless of course to make another garbage dump.

The choice between "Clean and Clear" or "Private Dumps" is Clear! Without effective legislation, the communities are left vulnerable, and it would leave neighbours in conflict with each other. In the absence of effective and timely action to remedy the problems and resolve the conflicts, people will have no choice but to take legal action to protect their own

rights, health and well being. If left unchecked and unresolved, the problem of "Private Dumps" will also tarnish the reputation and the image of the townships and the Haliburton Highlands as a favorite recreation and tourist destination. Let's hope that as a responsible and proactive government, the township council will this time vote to pass the by-law to protect the interests, rights and health and well being of the great majority and the community at large. A community that can prosper and be proud of its natural heritage and "Clean and Clear" environment. The township council members would no doubt be recognized as leaders, and a model for other municipalities to follow.

A. Alizadeh
Highlands East

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TOTHEEDITOR

Times readers write

Trousers can pose great danger to men

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of whose sad duties it was to haul drowned anglers out of lakes and rivers each year. "Know what they almost always have in common?" he asked me over a beer.

"Open flies. Most of them were trying to pee out of their boat, lost their balance, fell in and drowned."

A cautionary tale. I've carried a tin bucket in my boat ever since.

Reminds me of the most accident-prone would-be burglar I've ever heard of.

Back in 1978, a chap by the name of Christopher Fleming decided to break into a Chinese restaurant in Devon, England. He broke a kitchen window, crawled in, and was making for the cash register when he lost his balance and fell into the chip fryer. The chip fryer was full of grease, the night was cold.

As the grease congealed, and the burglar alarm pealed, Christopher filled his pockets with change from the cash register and attempted to sprint to safety. Alas, the grease was getting really hard. His sprint turned into a trot, then a canter, then a slow-motion streeeeetch.

When the coppers put the cuffs on him, he was all but statueque. One can only hope his fly was up.

Don't blame opposition for water regulations

Dear Editor,

I found your editorial of March 25 ('Abundant yet precious') interesting, although in some respects to me your reasoning appears somewhat flawed and inconsistent. For starters, I believe it would not be too difficult to present convincing evidence that safe drinking water is not truly "abundant," even in Haliburton County, an area relatively blessed with this resource. For example, you would be well advised not to drink untreated surface water and not to drill wells in the vicinity of septic tile beds, as another article in your newspaper cautions. But the abundance of safe drinking water is a far too complex subject to attempt to address now in this letter.

Rather, it is your statement, "because of the apparent mismanagement of a municipal water supply, coupled with an opposition party's thinly veiled attempt to use the situation to its own cause by trying to place the blame on the ruling party, we are all suffering the consequences," which particularly attracts my attention. Regrettably or not, depending upon your personal perspective, it is the nature of both opposition and ruling parties to sometimes "use situations" to further their own causes. That's democracy! But what are you suggesting? That an opposition party successfully intimidated a ruling party

into implementing unreasonable safe drinking water regulations. Some opposition! Some ruling party! Hardly. No, I think a more pertinent question is, "who ended up holding the hot potato?" Surely you know who.

It is important to remember that many if not most of the regulations that you find to be objectionable, where the result of the recommendations of Chief Justice Dennis O'Connor's highly acclaimed report of the Walkerton inquiry. It was critical of the Provincial government as well as some municipal authorities and other parties. Premier Harris (to his credit) did not dispute those findings. I quote from Section 12, Part 1 of the Walkerton Report concerning water testing:

"The entry of private laboratories into this sensitive public health issue in 1993, and the wholesale exit of all government laboratories from routine testing of municipal water supplies in 1996, made it unacceptable to let the notification protocol remain in the form of a legally unenforceable guidelines. This was particularly so since at the time, private environmental

laboratories were not regulated by the government. No criteria had been established to govern the quality of testing, no requirements existed regarding the qualifications or experience of laboratory personnel, and no provisions were made for licensing, inspection, or auditing by the government."

Of course, the financial costs associated with this scenario were clearly much lower than those associated with the inevitable knee-jerk reactions that followed Walkerton. Maybe these are excessive in some respects you might argue, and maybe they will be appropriately modified in the future as governments refocus on priorities and needs. But, please don't simplistically blame such regulations on "the opposition," or even Chief Justice O'Connor. That's not productive.

Meanwhile, for instant drinking water, just add a little more chlorine.

Cheers!
Brian Cross
Minden Hills

Presentation of Student Research

Every year for the past decade, students in the Bioregionalism course of the Canadian Studies Department at Trent University, have been conducting research in Haliburton County.

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Research presentations will include:

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- The Value of the Arts to Haliburton County
- The Historic Use of Canoe Routes
- Minden Main Street Heritage
- Capacity Study of Little Cameron Lake

This event is supported by Trent University, U-Links Centre for Community-Based Research and the Haliburton Highlands Museum.

Letter asking for volunteer help brings results to Archie Stouffer ES

To the Editor:

I'm writing a quick follow-up letter to keep the good people of Minden up to date on our volunteer situation. Several weeks back, I submitted a letter requesting help, either by way of financial or personal time. To date we have received two generous offers from Stella and Robin for personal time.

Both of these generous people have opted to help by putting information into the library. We appreciate their time immensely.

For anyone else with a free hour here or there, please call Denise at 286-6933.

Thanking you in advance on behalf of the Archie Stouffer Elementary school Council and students.

Denise LeBlanc, Minden

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Airport's success due to unseen workers

No matter what the job, volunteers do it

by ALLISON TAYLOR
Times staff

The image most people see when they think of the Stanhope Airport is, well...flying.

People visualize pilots on the runway wearing goggles as their passengers sit patiently waiting for a view of the county that most people will only see in photographs.

In that image, more often than not, someone's hair is usually flapping in a light breeze and the weather is always cheerful and the sun is usually shining.

Sometimes when considering the airport, people think of the newly improved website, while others might even conceptualize a lonely plane patiently waiting in one of the hangars.

However, there is a whole lot more to the Stanhope Airport than planes flying through the open skies.

For example, someone has to mow the lawn, pump the gas and take out the trash – and it's usually a volunteer who does it.

In an effort to give praise to all those people who volunteer to do the million little things that help keep the airport running smoothly, the airport staff threw a special volunteer recognition party at the Stanhope Community Centre on March 23.

At least 80 of the people who volunteer in one aspect or another to help the airport operate, turned out for a night of dinner and appreciation.

Longtime volunteers Jim and Jane Livingstone said they help with the Young Eagles Program, help with fly-ins and do

"whatever else is needed," Jim said.

The couple keeps a recreational plane at the airport, but end up spending a good deal of time there helping with the odds and ends.

"If there is work to be done, we all chip in," Jim said.

Those sentiments were spoken several times throughout the evening, especially by Barry Hart, the chairman of the airport committee.

"We've got a good thing going here," Hart said. "It's a wonderful experience for Stanhope township and the municipality of Algonquin Highlands," Hart said.

The Nunn Report

Kudos of the evening were dolled out to Tom and Elaine Nunn. The couple has played a paramount role in bringing the airport to where it is today, Hart said.

After dinner, Hart and Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison, with the help of Airport Manager John Packer, made a special presentation to the couple, who are packing their bags and moving (for the 14th time in their lives) to Campbell River in British Columbia.

"We wanted to thank them for all the work and dedication they have given to the airport," Packer said.

Harrison read a short message, prepared by Packer, detailing a life-long participation at the airport.

With tears rolling down her cheeks and a bouquet of flowers in her arms, both Elaine and Tom appeared both shocked and touched by the surprise presentation.

From Tom's pilot license in 1974 to his



Allison Taylor/TIMES

Tom and Elaine Nunn receive appreciation from Reeve Eleanor Harrison

first aircraft, a 1964 Cessna 172, the Nunn's have flown throughout the years since they had their first taste of the freedom of flight.

A member of the early airport committee, Tom was instrumental in building the initial hangars on the strip.

Packer said Tom was a member on the committee in the mid to late 90s and has been a major player, from helping to build sidewalks and everything else in-between to the hanging of the airport signs and the con-

struction of the helipad.

"They have always worked at making Stanhope Airport a better facility," Harrison said. She presented the couple with a framed aerial photo of the airport on behalf of the airport and all its volunteers. They also gave the couple travel coupons to some of their favourite pit stops and a gift certificate for an evening at a hotel.

"We will miss you both," Hart said.

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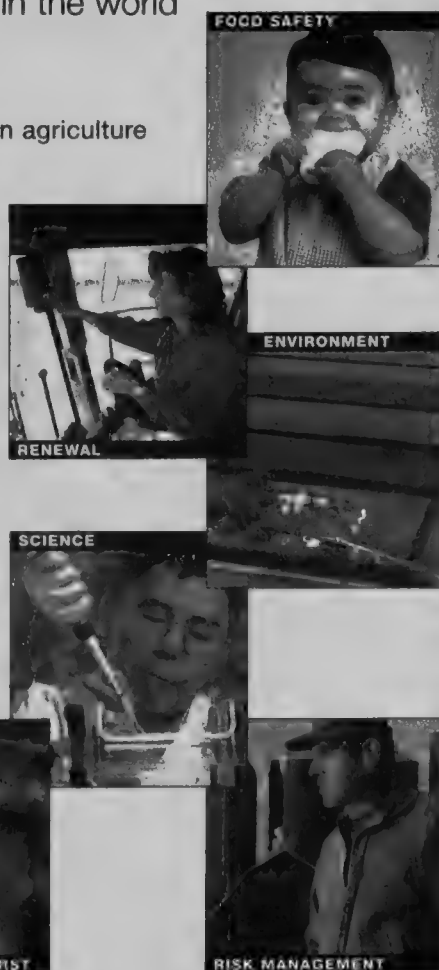
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It's all about testing for mold in Irondale

by ALLISON TAYLOR
Times staff

Mold testing in Irondale? You bet!

Irondale is about to get tested for mold, or at least the community centre is.

The latest saga in the quest for the residents of Irondale to build a community centre is the problem of mold.

The Health Unit has requested the township conduct a mold inspection of the yet to be opened, let alone built, community centre. The building will be a used school portable, currently waiting patiently to be given a permanent home near the Irondale baseball field.

The inspection will cost an estimated \$900.

At the Minden Hills council meeting on March 28, Councillor Ron Buchanan said he thought the Health Unit had given the nod to

the portable three years ago, but wasn't sure if he had any documentation to support his memory.

"It's been sitting there for three years, there could be mold in it now," said Buchanan.

Councillor Peter Oyler asked if the inspection was put to tender.

"It's standard procedure when putting out jobs in this municipality," he said.

Reeve Ross Rigney said there are sometimes exceptions when the municipality gives out jobs and that not all of them go to tender.

"I don't think there should be [exceptions]," Oyler said.

Council decided that the cost should not exceed \$900, but agreed to search for a lower bidder.

"Nine hundred dollars is the price of a new basement," Buchanan said.



The community centre in Irondale waits patiently for some attention near the baseball field. Before any construction occurs Minden Hills has been asked to conduct mold testing at a price of \$900 by the Health Unit.

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The MNR is still guarding fish despite strike

by JERRY GROZELLE
Times staff

In spite of the current OPSEU strike which has most of the personnel from the Ministry of Natural Resources off work, those who may be inclined to take advantage of the situation by breaking the Fish and Wildlife laws would be well advised to reconsider the risks.

MNR Enforcement Supervisor for the area Dan Smith said a contingency plan is in place to deal with what he calls "serious violations."

The Minden office still has two managers on duty who field calls. During non-business hours, an answering service takes messages, which are regularly checked.

"I can't guarantee an immediate response," Smith said. "Each call will be evaluated on a case by case basis." When necessary, Smith will investigate the calls himself.

"Under the strike conditions, it is not business as usual," Smith admits.

He pointed out that the vast majority of the public respects the resources and complies with the hunting and fishing regulations. He's confident that people will not see the strike as an opportunity to break the fish and wildlife laws with impunity. However, those who do still risk the possibility of getting caught and paying the price.

Anyone who observes a fish and wildlife law violation should contact the MNR government office in Minden at 286-1521 and leave a message in the appropriate voice mail box.

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Minden Hills puts the emergency plan under the microscope in special meeting

by ALLISON TAYLOR
Times staff

If an emergency hits Minden Hills, relax, for the official contingency plan is in the works.

At a special meeting on March 25, Ontario Provincial Police Staff-Sergeant Bob Walli, Emergency Medical Services Supervisor Bob English, Fire Chief Bill Hogg, councillors and staff gathered to cross the t's and dot the i's on the Minden Hills Peacetime Emergency Plan.

"We are here to review the peacetime emergency plan and reassure the government of the day that we have been spending time on it," said Reeve Ross Rigney.

After the municipality amalgamated, the new township inherited several emergency plans. The task at hand was to consolidate all those plans in a format recognized by the provincial government, said Public Works Superintendent Clayton Cameron.

"We need to input all the information first and go back and re-do it," he said.

The 10 key players sat down for several hours to make sure all the information was accurate and up-to-date. They searched the nearly 30-page document for things out of the ordinary or missing information, flipping through page-by-page to ensure all the information was as precise as possible.

In fact the most commonly asked question was, "is there anything else missing?"

For example, the document needs to contain accurate phone numbers and contact names.

Discussion also drifted to who and when certain parties should be contacted.

Councillor Peter Oyler wanted to ensure all the necessary parties were contacted and the information filtered through expediently to any necessary parties.

"All of our councillors need to be aware of an emergency as soon as the reeve does," he said.

Rigney will be the first key player contacted in case of an emergency in the municipality, to get the ball rolling in the co-ordination of other services in the township.

"We need to input all the information first and go back and re-do it."

CLAYTON CAMERON

"As one elected member, I think it's important that we are all part of that link and that everyone is marching to the same drum," Oyler said.

Councillors would be among the first notified, and in certain emergency situations, council might be required to pass a resolution.

"[Reeve Rigney] is going to contact you right off the bat," English said.

Once the necessary parties are contacted, Councillor Ron Buchanan stressed how important the establishment of an official information centre was at the onset of any emergency in the township.

"There needs to be a place where people can explain and answer questions," he said, "The information needs to be made public as soon as possible to avoid confusion."

This brought the discussion to back-up power sources, and the topic of flooding and other emergency situations the township should be prepared for.

While an emergency is defined as any situation abnormally affecting the lives and property of Minden Hills residents, which by their nature and magnitude require a controlled and co-ordinated response by a number of agencies both governmental and private, Buchanan also pointed out that an actual disaster wouldn't necessarily have to occur in the county to affect Minden Hills.

"We might have to accommodate other people and this could be a disaster for us," he said.

In tossing around examples of potential emergency situations, Rigney felt the most threatening was a forest fire.

"It could be the biggest single threat up here," Rigney said. "It is a real problem."

Now that the plan has been scrutinized, the township will notify all people named in the document and compare their plans with the emergency plan for the county.

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Sale of Minden hospital finalized by HHHS

by CATHY OLLIFFE
Special to The Times

The following are brief reports from the March 28 meeting of Haliburton Highlands Health Services board of directors, held at HHHS Minden.

With a grin and a stroke of a pen, HHHS chairman Jack Brezina finalized the sale of the former Minden hospital to a local veterinarian.

"I'm sure the entire community thought this sale closed a long time ago," HHHS CEO Foster Loucks said. But, he explained, the process was delayed by the Ministry of Health, which thought it had to approve the sale "and took months to figure out that it didn't."

Brezina said Dr. Peter Bennett was all set to open his new practise location today, April 1, with plans to host an open house in May.

"Is that for people or dogs?" quipped board member Betty Moffatt. "Both," Brezina replied.

Dr. Bennett, he added, has done a great deal of work to transform the old hospital. "If you remember the old hospital, I think you'll be impressed with what he's done inside."

HHHS BRIEFS

Health Services News

Ultrasounds OK

Dr. Bob Heyes, the HHHS Chief of Staff, told board members that there had been some concerns expressed by out-of-town radiologists about the ultrasound services being provided locally.

Heyes said the accuracy of ultrasound readings can be judged by the number of call-backs they receive. A call-back is when a physician or other health professional "calls back" for another test because the results are not clear. Heyes compared the call-back rates of HHHS with those of the hospital in Bancroft and, he was pleased to report, the call-back rates "were almost the same" as those in Bancroft.

"We were quite relieved to hear that," Heyes said.

Time management

When HHHS sends a patient to another hospital for a test (like a CAT scan), that patient is usually sent by

ambulance with a member of the nursing staff going along for the ride.

Heyes said a nurse is required to make the trip but having one staff member (or more) away from the hospital creates a nursing staff shortage. He questioned whether or not a nurse was even necessary for that particular task. Sometimes the patient waiting for the test is sitting up looking as healthy as can be. He explained, "in most cases, the nurse is there just holding [the patient's] hand."

The Medical Advisory Committee is looking into the possibility of having other people do the job — people like personal support workers or even family members, depending on circumstances.

Retirement party

Plans are in the works for a retirement dinner for CEO Foster Loucks. Dale Walker, who heads up the HHHS Foundation, said the affair will be "understated, just like Foster." The dinner will be held May 30 at the Wigamog Inn.

"It's open to anyone who knows Foster and wants to say good-bye," Brezina said.

There will also be receptions held for Loucks at both HHHS sites to give staff who can't make it to the dinner a chance to speak with him before he leaves.

Board members officially approved a three-year contract for Keith Sansford of Toronto, who will be taking over for Loucks. The official start date for Sansford is May 1 but Brezina said he's "keen to be here" and will likely begin April 29.

Sansford has also been invited to Loucks' retirement do.

Resignation

Board member Don Lowery has announced he will be leaving HHHS after his term is over. He and his family are moving from the area.

Minden lab opening

On April 3 HHHS will be opening a small laboratory service at the medical clinic in Minden. Loucks said it "will allow for more convenient access for drawing of lab specimens for various tests."

To start with, the service will be available three mornings per week (Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays) and will be expanded if demand warrants it. Loucks said the MDS company will be holding the license for the lab with HHHS operating it — which means HHHS will be making some money through the deal.

"We'll be opening it up next week and getting some blood out of Jack [Brezina]," Loucks said, referring to a planned photo opportunity.

"And what specimen will you be giving, Foster?" teased Brezina.

Smoking by-law

Board members voted to write a letter of support to the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge Health Unit (HKPR) in its plan to help initiate a tobacco by-law banning smoking in public places.

"We wanted to place our board on record of being in support of the health unit's efforts," Loucks said. He'd like to have board members and HHHS health professionals add their own input to the letter. "It's an opportunity to support what's right and what's healthy."

He asked Chief of Staff Bob Heyes how he felt about it and Heyes replied, "I heartily second that."

Some of the board members seemed surprised when Lloyd Robertson, representing the municipality of the City of Kawartha Lakes, asked if there was any hard evidence proving secondhand smoke affects people's health. His own municipality is wrestling with the issue of a tobacco by-law and he'd like more information.

Heyes and other board members nodded their heads: yes, there is such evidence.

"If you're looking for convincing ammunition to take back to politicians, there is ample evidence in the medical literature," Heyes said. "There is no question in our minds about the danger of secondhand smoke."

Beth Archibald, the director of community health services for HHHS, suggested Robertson talk to Anne-Marie Cyr, a public health nurse with HKPR, who helped organize a recent tobacco by-law seminar in the Highlands. The guest speaker at that session was Michael Perley, a man who has assisted communities all over Ontario (including Toronto) with the smoking by-law process.

Mental health

The next board meeting will be held April 25 in Minden (instead of Haliburton) partially to accommodate a presentation by June Partridge regarding mental health services.

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Yoga brings a breath of fresh air

by **DARREN LUM**
Times staff

"Yoga is the body, mind and spirit," says a local yoga teacher.

Pat Stegmaier has been teaching yoga in Minden and West Guilford for the last eight years. She gets as much enjoyment teaching it as her students get from learning the ancient practice of breathing and the complementary system of exercises.

"As much as I give out when I teach I get back two-fold because it gives me so much joy," she says.

Over the years many of her past and current students have suffered from asthma. The emphasis on deep breathing from the diaphragm has effectively alleviated asthmatic symptoms. She recalls one 70-year-old student, who had been suffering from arthritis for years and couldn't find an effective treatment through modern med-

The first step in yoga is to learn how to breathe, says Pat Stegmaier, who has been sharing her love of the practice with other local residents

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icine, suddenly exclaim, "Pat, I can breathe!"

Stegmaier recognized a major hindrance to the student's health was her shallow breathing. She says it is common for people, primarily women, to breathe from their chests rather than their abdomen where the strength of breath exists. In yoga breathing is a major component and a necessity to the series of movements in yoga such as the "Sun Salutations" and the "Dog pose."

"The key to yoga is the breath. So many people breathe from their upper chest," Stegmaier says. It's the first thing she teaches. Poor breathing can be unlearned leading to improved health for people with ailments or people who don't.

Stegmaier has her own ailments to deal with: she has had Fibromyalgia syndrome (FMS) since the 1970s. She describes it as arthritis of the muscles but for years she didn't know what was wrong. Eventually her illness forced her to quit her full-time job in the city and move north, to the Highlands. It was here that she rediscovered yoga, something she had first tried in the 70s.

"For me, yoga is a lifeline," she says. Eventually she decided to share that lifeline with others and began to teach.

As for those instructors who can perform unbelievable feats of flexibility, she says being able to perform such maneuvers isn't as important as staying within one's limits and getting what one can out of yoga.

"I wouldn't be able to tie myself in a knot if you gave me a million dollars," laughs Stegmaier.

She says yoga is accepting of all types of people, various ages and physical limitations. Even for those young people who want to build muscle, yoga can be accommodating. For her, yoga is a life-long commitment that she wishes she could share with everyone. Currently finishing her series of classes for both Minden and West Guilford, she has already arranged to start up two new 10-week lessons. Classes start April 3 in West Guilford and run every Wednesday from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The other location starts April 4, running every Thursday from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Minden, at St. Pauls Church. There is no age limit but students under 12 should have an accompanying parent.

The lessons themselves are fairly casual. "I free-flow and I don't over-plan. Things can change," she says.

Just like yoga she brings a feeling of flexibility and of strength to every class.



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Famed dancer does a good turn for local students

Former National Ballet of Canada star Frank Augustyn spent three days in Haliburton recently, sharing his knowledge with ballet enthusiasts at Heritage Ballet and presenting a slide show and talk at Wigamog Inn. His patience with students and

his enthusiasm for dance made his visit a memorable experience for youngsters and adults who participated in the workshops. His visit was made possible by a number of local sponsors. Above, he demonstrates a turn in a photo montage.

Wage increase of 23% brings paramedics up to parity

by MARTHA PERKINS
Special to The Times

Local paramedics will get a 23% wage increase over the next three years, bringing them up to parity with most paramedics in the region.

The new contract will bring a full-time paramedic's annual income to \$52,000 to \$55,000 a year. It will add another \$196,000, plus \$11,000 in enhanced benefits, onto the county's budget over three years.

Most of the wage increases will be paid out this year.

It's the county's first collective agreement with the paramedics. Until the county took over the ambulance service a year and a half ago, the paramedics were members of the Ontario Public Services Employees Union. They joined the county roads department's CUPE local after the

changeover. Now they have their own CUPE local.

The new three-year contract "represents a fairly significant compensation agreement and an enhancement to several of the benefits," county CAO Gary King said after county council ratified the agreement on Wednesday. "It takes our paramedics to very close to parity with paramedics in adjacent municipalities, and slightly higher than paramedics in Muskoka."

"The paramedics seem happy and satisfied," says the county's Emergency Medical Services manager Bob English. He notes 83% of the paramedics voted in favour of the new deal.

However, there is a wish among paramedics to bring their wages in parity with other emergency services personnel such as police officers and firefighters. King says a first class police constable earns \$66,000 a year.

As to the paramedics' enhanced benefit package, King says "the county offers a fairly good benefit package to all employees. The paramedics, when they were with the province, had a significantly better benefit package... The county is now maintaining the same coverage they received (from the province.)"

"CUPE and the unions will definitely try to use this as leverage in enhance their compensation in the future," he says. "However, it should be noted we were trying to achieve parity or be close to other ambulance services. Our roads and other employees are already at parity with other jurisdictions."

When it comes time to CUPE negotiations, King said "we will compare apples to apples."

Ambulance response time faster

Now that the ambulance service is owned by the county, paramedics have been able to provide faster service at no extra cost to taxpayers.

The average response time for emergency calls is now below the provincial standard, Emergency Medical Services manager Bob English told county councillors on Wednesday.

The province says that the average time between a call coming in and an ambulance being at the site should be less than 25 minutes. Ironically, when the province managed the ambulance service for Haliburton County, the average response time was 27:49.

In 2001, the county-owned EMS brought the time down to 23:27.

"We were able to do it with the resources we have," English said. This proves the value of the county's control of the service, allowing it to make decisions that better address the county's needs.

In Minden Hills, the average response time is 10:49. This compares to the following response times in the former municipalities in 2000: Anson, Hindon and Minden, 9:04; Lutterworth, 9:31; and Snowdon, 16:06.

Times were more greatly reduced in the eastern half of the county. M.P.

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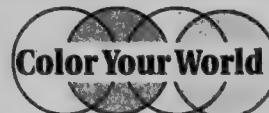
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Winning note
Novice B2 Storm wins tourney

Spring Invitational
Skaters prepare to strut their stuff



Men's playoff winners

Winners of the Men's League playoffs of the Minden Curling Club were, left to right: Vice Bob Walli, lead Steve Robson, skip Alf Trotter and second Kent Taylor.



Men's League winners

The team that finished in first place in the Second Schedule of Men's League included second Jack Taylor, left, and vice Dave McKay. Skip Ted Wilkes and lead Jim Burrows were unavailable for the photo.



Friday Mixed and Playoff winners

Dwight Thomas, left, presented the hardware to the Friday Mixed League Second Schedule winners as well as Playoff Champions. They are (l to r): Skip Paul Prentice, vice Patti Prentice, lead Nelson Johnston and second Audrey Johnston.

Minden Curling Club season champions



Ladies' League winners

Second Schedule winners of the Ladies' League at the Minden Curling Club were presented with the Prentice Power Sports Trophy by Paul Prentice, left. They are (l to r): Skip Pat Woodcroft, vice Gail Kivela, second Sue Wright and lead Lisa Moore.



Ladies' Playoff Champs

Winners of the Ladies' Second Schedule Playoffs were presented with the trophy by Convener Gail Kivela, right. They are, left to right: Lead Audrey Robson, vice Bev Wood and skip Melanie Vigrass. Absent: Second Joyce Boersma.



Thursday Mixed and Playoff winners

Skip Dan Garbutt, vice Linda Pawluch, lead Lisa Moore and second Sandy Cole (left to right) finished the Thursday Mixed League Second Schedule in first place and also won the playoffs.

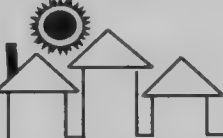
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High triple: Bob Vankoughnet 606; Ann Oakley 484
High triple (handicap): Milt Fletcher 728; Ann Oakley 694

Tuesday Night Mixed League

(March 26)
High average: Scott Moore 251; Cathy Snell 239
High single: Scott Moore 301; Cathy Snell 258
High single (handicap):

Gord McAllister 282; Marylou Packard 292
High triple: Scott Moore 810; Cathy Snell 700
High triple (handicap): Gord McAllister 698; Marylou Packard 726

Thursday Afternoon Seniors' League (March 21)

High average: Eddie Dykstra 195; Mona Benn 188
High single: Ed Braithwaite 243; Marg Albers 252
High single (handicap): John Whitty 272; Marg Albers 317
High triple: Ed Braithwaite 627; Marg Albers 511
High triple (handicap): Ed Braithwaite 711; Marg Albers 706

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Tuesday Afternoon Mixed (March 26)

High average: Ken Thompson 216; Mona Benn 192
High single: Ed Braithwaite 276; Mona Benn 238
High single (handicap): Ed Braithwaite 294; Moa Benn 264
High triple: Ed Braithwaite 721; Mona Benn 560
High triple (handicap): Ed Braithwaite 775; Elma Giltenan 600

Wednesday Afternoon Mixed (March 27)

High average: Ken Thompson 220; Marie Thompson 187
High single: Avar Edwards 264; Mona Benn 295
High single (handicap): Avar Edwards 288; Mona Benn 327
High triple: Ken Thompson 653; Mona Benn 648
High triple (handicap): Bev Hunt 734; Betty Trapp 803

Novice B2 team ends 2001-02 season on a winning note

by MARK FREEMAN
Special to The Times

The last weekend of the hockey season for the Novice B2s found the team first playing in the Glen Dart 50th Annual Memorial Tournament on Saturday, March 23, hosting the Mariposa Novice B squad. With Marcie Dick in net for her first game this year, she played as if she had done it all year, to earn herself the shutout.

With no goals against, the first goal of the game by Kelly Outram stood to be the game winning goal. Brady Kent at center provided two assists which found Nick Freeman scoring the second marker, and star of the game, Matt Rae getting the third goal in this 3-0 win.

The next day, the Storm travelled to Fenelon Falls for a tournament. With Riley Maracle unable to attend, the team went with nine players. With the short bench, forwards Aaron Hillier and Captain Ryan Richards were asked to relieve the defence when needed throughout the day, which isn't often with assistant captain Kelly Outram and Matt Rae playing strongly for prolonged periods of time.

The first match at 10 a.m. pitted the Storm against Sunderland. Nick Freeman found some open ice in the first minute of play to score what turned out to be the game winning goal and Colby Cunningham went on to earn his first shut-out of the day. Brady Kent showed his offensive talents with three goals to register the hat-trick. Stephan Schollia, finding the net twice, was awarded "Hustler of the game" honours in this 6-0 victory.

In game two, the squad met with Omemee at 1 p.m. where all of the opponents' attempts to score were thwarted by goalie Colby Cunningham as he took his second shut-out on the day. The first goal of this game, scored by Brady Kent and assisted by Stephan Schollia, was the game winner in this 5-0 win. Marcie Dick was named "Hustler of the game" with her excellent skating ability

and outstanding back-checking.

With two wins on the day, game three was the "A" final at 4:30 p.m. against Bobcaygeon.

The Storm scored first in this match but the challengers popped one in the first period to tie the game and end the Storm's shut-out streak.

That goal against sparked a fire under the Highland team. The next goal, by Captain Ryan Richards, from Aaron Hillier proved to be a game winner. Nick Freeman found his target three times scoring the hat-trick, and Marcie Dick buried one in the net for a goal and was once again awarded the "hustler of the game" for the second game in a row, in this 9-1 final, which saw the Storm become 'A' champions for the day.

With three games played, goalie Colby Cunningham allowed only one goal against for a remarkable 0.33 goals against average on the day. This also reflects on the incredible protection of the net by assistant captain Kelly Outram and Matt Rae, whose endurance and defensive skills left some big shoes to fill for the dual roles asked of captain Ryan Richards and Aaron Hillier, who met that standard of defensive play and also chipped in the offence in all three games.

This team, sponsored by U.A.P. Autoparts Haliburton, went an amazing 38 wins, eight losses and two ties on the year, with these team accomplishments under its belt.

Manvers Tournament 'A' finalist

Highland Storm Tournament 'A' finalist

Fenelon Falls Tournament 'A' Champion

Tri-County Novice B 'Gold Division Finalist'

As the coach of this team I can say that they are all champions in my eyes, and I would like to give them all my best wishes in all their future endeavors. Also, I would like to thank Manager/Trainer Kevin Kent, Assistant Coach/Trainer Jody Hillier and all of the wonderful parents who invested their time and made this a year I will fondly remember.

Skaters prepare for Spring Invitational

With one skating competition and its recent carnival under its belt, the Minden Skating Club is charging full steam ahead with plans for the Spring Invitational competition on April 6 at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena Minden.

Hosted jointly by the local club and Skate Canada, Eastern Ontario and sponsored by Minden Home Hardware and Building Supplies, the competition will include skaters from Pre-Preliminary to the Gold test

level, Juvenile to Junior Competitive as well as Pairs, Elements and Artistic events.

Skaters from as far away as Ottawa, Kingston and North Bay, as well as several local skaters from Minden and Haliburton, will be competing. Events start at 9 a.m. and end at 8:30 p.m., with the official Opening Ceremonies scheduled for 10:50 a.m.

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The artist creates images with brush, the poet with words. Late March, the farm-scape is still covered with snow and I find myself eager for Spring. American poet Walt Whitman did not use the word "Spring" to convey time in his memorial tribute to President Abraham Lincoln instead he writes "When lilacs last in the dooryard bloom'd".

From my upstairs window I can see that split rail dooryard fence, the large stand of lilacs common to most pioneer farms, and remember their purple clusters filling the evening air with glorious perfume.

It will come. Even in this fast-paced modern world you can always count on the lilacs.

In the meantime why not mark your calendar for the Spring Meeting of the Minden and District Horticulture Society this Tuesday, April 2 at 7:15 p.m. at the Minden Community Centre.

Guest speaker Marilyn Lawrey, of the Rivendell Herb Farm, will set the stage for this "Herbal Show/Smell/Sale" event. Refreshments will feature an Easter theme, so bring along anything chocolate. The Society meets on the first Tuesday of the month and its members volunteer their time and talents to create and care for the Minden community gardens. New members are always welcome.

The Kinmount and District Lions Club will embark on a "Lions Journey" to raise funds for the purchase/training of guide dogs for the blind and to help individuals with visual impairments in our area.

The Walk will take place Sunday, April 7 at 2 p.m. from the Kinmount Railway Station.

For more information, or to make a pledge, please call Lion Vic Ballik 705-488-3053 or Lion Doug King at 705-489-4083, or any other Kinmount Lions Club member.

Scoring Results: In the historical score column the 1861 census records over 2000 pounds of maple sugar produced in Galway. Now for the Clubs.

Thursday, March 21 euchre at the Minden Legion Branch 636: In the most lone hands category, the winners were Pearl Cowen for the ladies and Kevin Maloney for the gents. Theresa Deeks and Bill Van Dyke took the high score honours, followed by Barb Robitaille and Marcel Roussel. Other prizes went to Bill Van Dyke, Gala Stamp and Jim and May Bradbury.

Friday, March 22 duplicate Bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: For North/South, the winning duo was Mayme Douglas and Hal Beech with 62%, followed by Pat Hannah and Mike Collins at 53%. East/West winners were Jacqueline and Kelly Metcalf 64% with Betty Dicker and Harold Cox next with 57%.

Saturday, March 23 bid Euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: In first place was Elli Langpohl with 291, followed by Rob Evans 256. Hidden score winners were Chris Clarke, Barb Robitaille and Kevin Maloney. The Moonshot Trio was made up of Bill Van Dyke, Rob Evans, and Bill St. Thomas.

Monday, March 25 cribbage at the Minden Legion Branch 636: In first place was Janet Martin, with Heather Cunningham second. The draws went to Jean Scadden, our reporter Elva Paisley and the mother/daughter duo of Margaret Albers and Janet Martin.

Monday, March 25 euchre at Club 35, Halls Lake: Thanks to our reporter Ken Wallace for the update. For lone hand, it was Harry Randell, with Olive Daniels and Chris Clarke taking the high scores for the ladies and gents. Olive Jones was joined in the low score department by Cliff Woolner and it was Wally Harpur who won the baloney.

Monday, March 25 euchre at the Friendship Club, St. Paul's Anglican

Church, Minden: For lone hands, it was Gala Stamp for the men and Verna McDonald for the ladies. The high scoring duo was Don Hicks and Betty Barlow with Dean Chambers and Pearl Cowen low man/lady. Draw winners were Don Hicks and Jesse Barlow. With today being "April Fools Day" Katie Parker reminds everyone to be on guard.

Monday, March 25 bid euchre at the Kinmount Legion Branch 441: First place went to Ruth Kellett, with Vic Ballik second. Moonshot winners Marjorie Paradis and Dorothy McElwain shared the spotlight with special prize holders Bill St. Thomas and Esther Lee.

Tuesday, March 26 euchre at Lochlin Community Centre: High ladies winner Betty Hicks was joined by Hazel (Harry) Benetin representing the gents. Low man/lady honours went to George Bartley and Barb Carpenter, with Don Curry taking lone hand and Betty Curry the special prize.

Tuesday, March 26 Stanhope Fire Hall Seniors Social Club mixed shuffleboard: In first place with 325 points was the team of Pearl Cowen and Bev Alexander, with Nick Nimigon and Belle Walker right behind at 324. Shirley Alderton and Lottie Ruttan took third place with 282 while Helen Skelding and Bob Alexander had the low score of a still respectable 188.

Tuesday, March 26 bid euchre at the Minden Legion Branch 636: Ruth Kellett was first, Sharon Evans second, Kevin Maloney third with a split for fourth between Iris Taylor and Len Kroes.

It was Ida Young, Iris Taylor, Anne Baker and Pat Scadden taking the moonshots while Verna McDonald, Bill Van Dyke and Elva Paisley won for hidden scores.

Tuesday, March 26 contract bridge at Stanhope: Don Mills had the highest score with 6300, next was Gloria Moore 4780, Muriel McIntosh 4630, and Harold Cox 4060. Don Mills first with partner Betty Cully then Harold Cox tallied two small slams. Diane Boll won the lucky draw.

Wednesday, March 27 duplicate bridge at Park Lane, Haliburton: Gladys Fugar and Norma Crewson were the winners with 62% followed by Hal Beech and Jacqueline Metcalf 57% and the team of Reet Murray and Mayme Douglas with 54%.

Wednesday, March 27 euchre at Stanhope: Cecil Lamb, Rob Evans, Dick Coffey, and Muriel Harrington each had a moonshot. For the pinks Ruth Kellett had the highest score with 268 followed by Muriel Harrington 247, and Trudy Kroes 242. In the whites column it was Chris Clarke with 285, Alf Whyman 248, and Pat Scadden 231.

Wednesday March 27 euchre at the Kinmount Legion Branch 441: If this were hockey then it was a "hat trick" for Theresa Deeks scoring three times for high lady, lone hand, and special prize. For the men Glenda Swanton took high score and Norm Carter low. Marg Viney was the low lady for the evening while Norm Carter won the other special prize.

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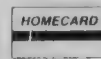


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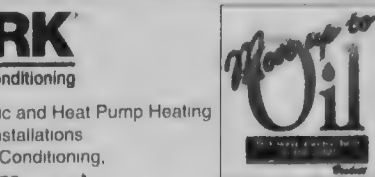
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Preparing for summer sports

As hockey and other winter sports start to wind down, those with dreams of cleats, shin pads and scoring goals on the soccer field are just starting to pick up speed. Soccer registration for the Stanhope Soccer League was a big success and soccer player Chanelle Hosken, 8, was ready to start playing. Chanelle recently helped her mom Tammy fill in the forms at the Stanhope firefighters hall. Both she and her brother Chris, 11, will be heading down to the fields to play the popular growing sport.

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A ham of a time

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Resurfacing of 121 to continue this summer

It will cost the county \$1.44-million to fix and resurface the 5.5 kilometres of County Road 121 between the Ingoldsby turn-off and the Allsaw bridge.

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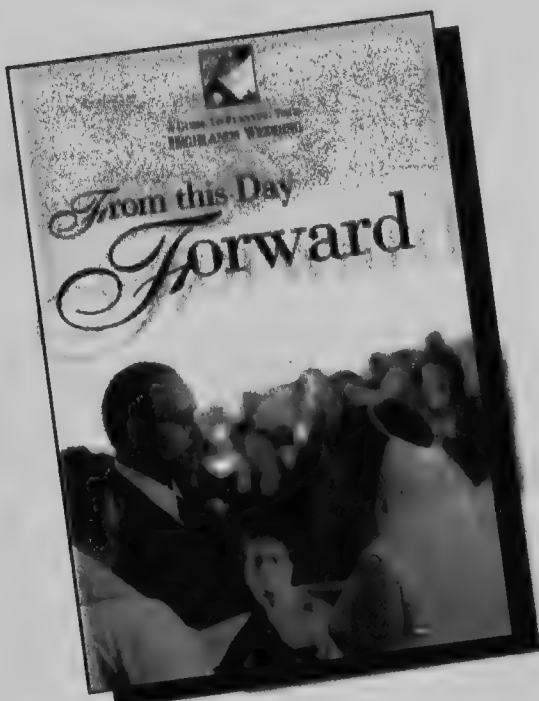
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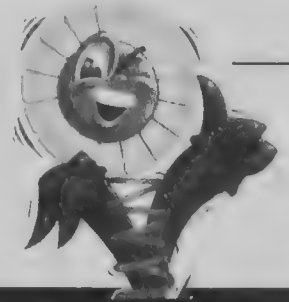
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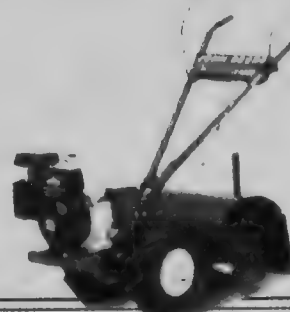
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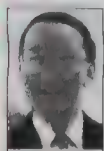
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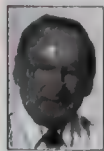
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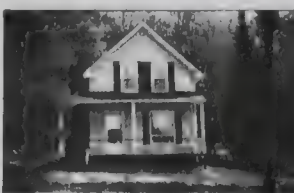
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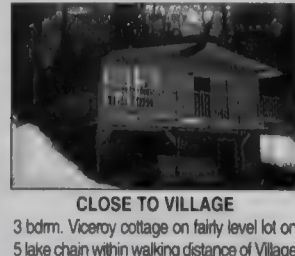
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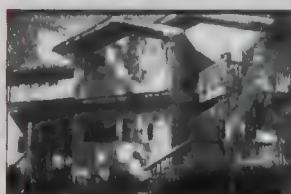
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New restaurant adds a dash of European flair to county

You may have noticed the Swiss flag flying proudly over Carnarvon's newest restaurant. Dorandy's is the creation of Chef Andy Gartmann and opened March 19 to the delight of its first customers. The restaurant, located on Highway 118, just east of Highway 35 in Carnarvon, will be open Tuesday through Sunday, from 4:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. The unusual name is a combination of Andy and his daughter Doris, who lives in Switzerland.

Chef Gartmann attained chef's status in Switzerland at a time when it took many years of extensive training to qualify. He arrived in Canada from the Swiss village of Saas, 30 years ago and worked as a chef in Toronto restaurants. For the past 15 years, he headed the kitchen of a large Parry Sound resort. Chef Gartmann has many longtime friends in the Highlands, and is well acquainted with our area. Dorandy's rustic decor reflects his interest in our history, using artifacts and photographs from the early days in and around Stanhope Township. There are also several antiques and photos from Switzerland, to lend a hint of Europe. The overall effect is an uncomplicated and relaxing ambience.

At Dorandy's, familiar foods take on new and tantalizing flavors with the chef's art and his famous sauces. Many dishes have a definite European flair and promise a

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different dining pleasure.

From time to time a variety of specialties will be offered, apart from the regular menu. One thing that will be a constant, however, is dessert cook Wendy Schlotter's scrumptious lemon meringue pie. Wendy's dessert-making expertise is sure to tempt even the most calorie conscious of Dorandy's patrons. Jim Packard lends his talent and experience as assistant to the chef.

Lyle Fletcher, Dorandy's manager, is a 22-year resident of

Stanhope and has wide experience in the restaurant business. Lyle's warmth and welcoming smile attests to a genuine concern for the comfort of each guest. "We have gathered a fantastic crew and service staff who are really going to shine," says Lyle. "Service reflects on the establishment as much as the food, and we are all excited about supporting the name and making a real go of it."

Toward the end of an evening at Dorandy's, Chef Gartmann takes off his apron and comes into the dining room to visit with his guests. He is a quiet, affable man whose goal, he says, is to provide great food, uniquely flavored, in a friendly atmosphere. By all accounts he seems to have done just that.

Jerry Grozelle/TIMES



Getting ready to open on March 19. From left to right are Jim Packard, Audra Mote, Jada Souter, Andy Gartmann, Diana Kuna, Wendy Schlotter, Kelly Johnston and Lyle Fletcher.



Carol Moffatt and her husband Tony Aymong get to know the new chef in town, Andy Gartmann at the official opening of Dorandy's restaurant in Carnarvon on Highway 118.

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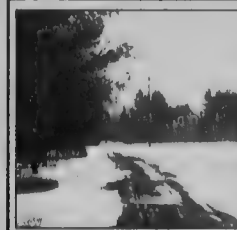
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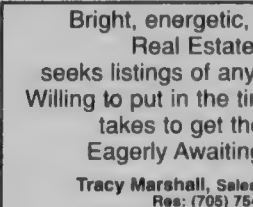
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Spring? What will tomorrow bring?

Winter, spring, winter, spring we wonder what tomorrow will bring? This little rhyme came to mind as we talked about last Thursday's disappointment when the Lakeside Baptist Church group was unable to host our Tea Party due to the weather. That Thursday was the first day of spring and it's rather ironic that the weather is not co-operating with our calendar. We were pleasantly surprised with chocolate and butterscotch sundaes with whip cream, sprinkles and a cherry on top. Now does that not sound absolutely scrumptious? Regardless of the weather we celebrated the first day of spring, however we did miss our hosts that day and we hope they can visit us another time.

Friday brought the Grandfathers and Leisa to entertain us at happy hour and we were delighted with a day of fun and frolic. Thank you for spending time with us.

On Saturday we didn't have our regular Men's Club but instead enjoyed an afternoon of chin wagging over some sweet treats of home-made bread with real butter (of course), along with maple syrup

SENIOR LEAGUE

News from Hyland Crest

and or strawberry rhubarb pie with whip cream. We're almost ashamed of ourselves, but it's only once a month.

Sunday we gathered for an enjoyable morning of Hymn sing where we enjoyed singing some of the old gospel hymns. The afternoon made for a real change of pace with a rendition of Norland Hillbillies.

Monday, it was the ladies turn to gather for their lunch bunch. They went to the auditorium and worked their magic to create a delectable luncheon. Maria Pawluch made her famous German potato salad. Margaret Besse and Ruby Williams combined efforts and came up with a delicious mystery dish. Blanche Wright made her mouth watering tea biscuits, while Marry Goldsmith put the topper on things with a blueberry cheesecake. Now that's a lunch! Ruby Williams, Lilian Millar, Mary Goldsmith and Blanche Wright helped

with cleanup, while Lilian Harrison and Hazel Whittaker were the lucky guests as well as Foster Loucks. Thanks to Linda for her help and guidance. A little birdie told us that Lilian Harrison was supposed to help with dishes but according to our sources she holds true to the saying "eat and run." We'll get you next time kid.

Our Bingo buffs got together Monday night, with Mary Goldsmith taking away the jackpot. Happily, Ruth Nesbitt, Harold Orsborne, Bill Redgrave and Alice Sedgewick were also fortunate enough to leave with pockets a little heavier.

Our Chapel Service Tuesday was very nice with communion and we thank Rev. Everall for portraying the Easter message to us. We also thank Ann McAdam for her assistance with the service.

Hot cross buns are a favourite at Easter and Ed McKelvey, Germaine Levesque, Vera Barnhart, Hazel Gregory, to name a few, certainly enjoyed their afternoon tea with their traditional Easter bun.

Our card sharks seem to be resting as cards were canceled Wednesday when too

few showed interest in playing. We're looking for new recruits and hopefully by next week we'll have more players at the tables.

Wednesday evenings are Pub Night and the last Wednesday of each month brings our friends we simply call "The Gang." This month our entertainment was made up of Audrey, Leisa, Don, Charlie and Don. Our faithful volunteers again were Pearl, Joan, Jim and Darrin and thanks Dana for making sure we get to our programs. We had a splendid evening and we say thank you to all.

We want to send our get well wishes to Maxine Snell. We hope you have a speedy recovery. We miss your smile and cheery nature. We say welcome to Erla Malloy and hope you enjoy your stay with us.

Birthday greetings are to be sent to Frank Young who will be celebrating on April 2. We will be celebrating only three birthdays this month, with Vera Steven and Marjorie Watt a little later on in April.

We will leave you this week with a rhyme quoted by Lilian Harrison.

"Patience is a virtue"

Possess it if you can

Seldom found in woman

And NEVER found in man!

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Municipal Licensing

PUBLIC NOTICE

Annual licenses for Dogs, Kennels, Refreshment Vehicles, Restaurants, Salvage Yards, Second Hand Book Stores, Taxi Cabs, Taxi Drivers, Trailer Parks, Tourist/Sightseeing Vehicles and any other business licenses as required under the by-laws in force in Kawartha Lakes (including the licensing by-laws of the preamalgamation municipalities of Victoria County), are due for 2002.

Applications for most licenses are available at Service Centres in Bethany, Bobcaygeon, Coboconk, Kirkfield, Lindsay or Omemee.

For further information contact

Don Abel, Licensing Officer, City of Kawartha Lakes
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(Please note that failure to maintain a licence (when required) is contrary to law and can result in the imposition of penalties.)



Highland Storm Minor Hockey Association Important Upcoming Events

Nominations for Vacant Executive Positions

- 2 positions are vacant
- Nominations must be submitted by April 22nd.
- Nominations can be submitted to Greg Carpenter (286-1794) or Brian Murray (286-1909).

General meeting and Election

- Haliburton Legion • May 2nd, 7:00 p.m.

Year-End Banquet

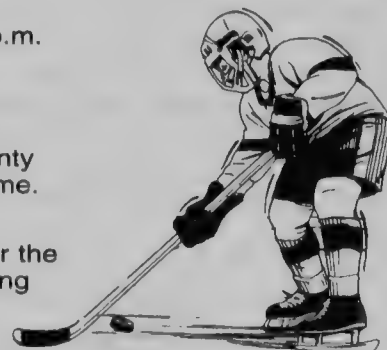
- Minden Arena
- April 28th, 1:00 p.m.
- No admission fees, all OMHA, Tri-County and County League players are welcome.

Pre-Registration

- A reminder that you can pre-register for the 2002-2003 season at the General Meeting and Year-End Banquet

Coaching Applications

- if you are interested in any coaching position for next year, contact Rick Lowes at 489-1411.



Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands

PUBLIC NOTICE

Applicant: Mr. Lee Bentley
Lot 17 Concession 10, Kawagama Lake
Geographic Township of Sherborne

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands has by resolution declared part of an original shore road allowance lying in front of Lot 17 Concession 10, Kawagama Lake, in the geographic Township of Sherborne, now in the Township of Algonquin Highlands, County of Haliburton, to be surplus.

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands proposes to enact a By-Law to stop-up, close and convey to the abutting property owner(s) that part of the original shore road allowance in front of Lot 17 Concession 10, Sherborne described as follows:

FIRSTLY: All and Singular that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Geographic Township of Sherborne in the County of Haliburton and being composed of part of the original shore road allowance in front of Lot 17 Concession 10 more particularly described as Part 1 on a Plan deposited in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of Haliburton County as Plan 19R-7248.

The proposed By-Law will come before the said Council for consideration at it's regular meeting at the Algonquin Highlands Municipal Office, North Shore Road, on the 2nd day of May, 2002 at the hour of 11:00 a.m., and at that time, the Council will hear in person or by his/her counsel, solicitor or agent any person who claims that his land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard.

Dated: March 15, 2002

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Haliburton has a competitive salary and benefits package. Candidates are encouraged to include salary expectations in their application, together with a comprehensive resume.

Submissions will be received until 4:30 p.m. on April 19th, 2002 by:

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HEALTHUNIT

Smart snacking campaign

Smart snacking activities promote dental health for local students

Smart snacking is the focus of a new campaign starting next month to improve the dental health of students.

To mark Dental Health Month in April, the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit will educate parents, teachers and students about the importance of wise snacking to reduce levels of tooth decay in young people.

"Ignorance is not bliss when the poor eating habits of some children are causing their teeth to decay," says Carol Moore-Collins, a Certified Dental Assistant with the HKPR District Health Unit.

Statistics from the Health Unit show as many as one-third of elementary school students in Haliburton and Northumberland counties and the City of Kawartha Lakes have urgent dental needs. These include requiring tooth fillings or extractions.

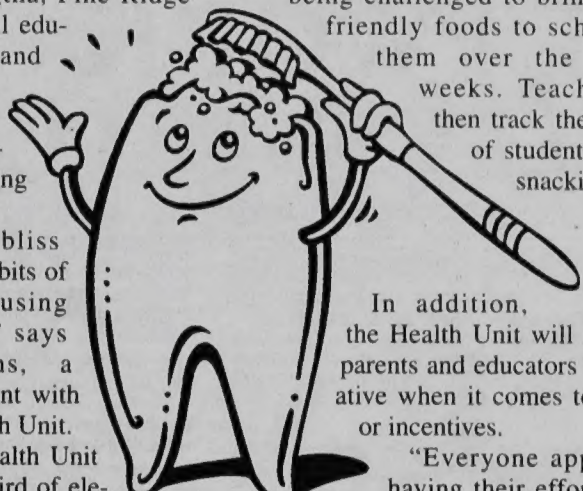
"Smart snacking in combination with regular brushing, flossing and dental checkups will help local students have healthy teeth," says Moore-Collins.

The key is convincing young people and parents to opt for "smart" snacks such as cheese, fruits, vegetables and nuts instead of sugary and starchy foods that contribute to tooth decay, Moore-Collins adds.

Several activities will be used during Dental Health Month to promote the message.

During the first week of April, dental staff from the Health Unit will visit selected Grade 2 classes at schools in

Haliburton and Northumberland counties and the City of Kawartha Lakes to launch the Healthy Snack Challenge. Students will get a lesson in smart snacking while being challenged to bring dental-friendly foods to school with them over the ensuing weeks. Teachers will then track the progress of students towards snacking smart.



In addition, the Health Unit will be urging parents and educators to be creative when it comes to rewards or incentives.

"Everyone appreciates having their efforts recognized," says Moore-Collins. "But

to ensure that children receive consistent health messages and to reduce the risk of tooth decay, we need to reward them with non-food items."

Other tips parents should consider to boost the dental health of their children include:

- Stocking their homes with smart snacks so children won't be tempted by sweets.

- Encouraging consistent times for snacking. Up to three snacks a day is a healthy pattern to follow. Discourage day-long nibbling and prolonged sipping of drinks containing sugar which lead to tooth decay.

- Teaching children to brush and floss after eating, but especially before going to bed.



County of Haliburton

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- **Join the Walking Club,** week day morning walks sponsored by the Haliburton Chapter of the Heart and Stroke Foundation. In Minden, people can walk from 7:30 - 8:15 a.m. at Archie Stouffer Elementary School. For more info. call Morris Duff at 286-6079.

- **Mondays:** C.H.A.C.E. Resource Centre Supper at C.H.A.C.E. Minden, 4 - 7 p.m. \$4 per family. Call Julie at 286-1770, and ask "What's for Dinner?"

- **Wednesdays:** Job Talk - 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Learn to speak up in a job interview, free, make new contacts. Call to register, 457-3412.

- **Wednesdays:** Activity morning at C.H.A.C.E. Resource Centre, Minden. Themes for the month of April will be birds, nursery rhymes, fitness and mud puddles. We are also open once again from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

- **Thursdays & Fridays:** Ontario Breast Screening Program. For women 50 year and over, screening on Thursdays and Fridays at Ross Memorial Hospital. No doctor referral necessary. Call Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for an appointment, (705) 328-6175.

- **The Haliburton Highlands Prostate Cancer Support Group** meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m., in the Fireside lounge at the Hyland Crest Senior Citizen's Home in Minden. All men and the women who love them are welcome. For info., please call Rick Ratcliff at 286-6699 or email: leacliff@sympatico.ca.

- **April 2:** We will be making "shoe lace creatures" at C.H.A.C.E. Resource Centre, Minden at 11 a.m. Remember to bring your shoes!

- **April 2, 3 & 4:** Loonie Night at the Dorset Recreation Centre, Dorset. Floor Hockey, Basketball and Volleyball, consecutively. 5:30 - Juniors, 6:30 - Adults. \$1 or free to members. Call 766-9968 for info.

- **April 3, 10, 17 & 24:** Folk Art Classes at the Dorset Recreation Centre, Dorset, 10 a.m. - 12 noon. Also, April 17 & 24 Beginner Folk Art Classes from 7 - 9 p.m. with Linda Smith. Call 766-9968 for more info.

- **April 3:** Alzheimer Society Support Groups Haliburton are holding informal support meetings. Bring your concerns, you are not alone. We will bring the refreshments. 10 - 11:30 a.m. Alzheimer Office at 4 York St., Haliburton. For info. call Janet Bottom at 457-8335.

- **April 4:** L.I.F.T. (Ladies in Fellowship Together) at West Guilford Recreation Centre, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Speaker: Lyn Kohls (Peterborough). Music: Jane VanNood. Feature: Diane Brackenbury, Certified Golf Instructor. Theme: Tee Time! Info. call: Alice, 754-2808, or Lyn, 457-3155.

- **April 5, 12, 19 & 26:** Yoga Class, with Allie Chisholm-Smith, MES, B.A. Honours, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Dorset Recreation Centre, Dorset. Call Allie at 789-0367 for more info.

- **April 5, 12, 19 & 26:** Playgroup at the Dorset Recreation Centre, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Open to parents/caregivers and their pre-school children. Toys, activities, songs, crafts and parenting info. Call Elise at 766-1382 for more info.

- **April 6:** MapleFest "All you can eat" Pancake/Sausage Brunch and Bake Sale, Lochlin United Church, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Adults \$5, Children \$2, Preschoolers free. Church Rd. off County Rd. 1.

- **April 6 & 7:** Haliburton County MapleFest 2002, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. The maple syrup producers invite you and your families to come and visit them at their sugarhouses to enjoy the sweet taste of spring. Watch for Molly Maple signs at participating sugarhouses. Rubber boots recommended. For more info. call Louise (705) 286-3705.

- **April 8:** Alzheimer Society Support Groups Haliburton are holding informal support meetings. Bring your concerns, you are not alone. We will bring the refreshments. 1:00 - 2:30 p.m., Extensicare Activity Room, Park St., Haliburton. For info. call Janet Bottom at 457-8335.

- **April 8, 9, 10 & 11:** Loonie Night at the Dorset Recreation Centre, Dorset. Badminton, Floor Hockey, Basketball and Volleyball, consecutively. 5:30 - Juniors, 6:30 - Adults. \$1 or free to members. Call 766-9968 for info.

- **April 9:** Alzheimer Society Support Groups Haliburton are holding informal support meetings. Bring your concerns, you are not alone. We will bring the refreshments. 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. or 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Staunworth Terrace, 44 Parkside St., Minden. For info. call Janet Bottom at 457-8335.

- **April 10:** Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group meeting will take place at 7 p.m. in the Minden Library (doors open at 6 p.m.) Everyone welcome. Speakers will be Guy Scott and Pam Dickie from the Greater Harvey Historical Society. Bring and Win raffle. Refreshments available.

- **April 10:** Foot Clinic at the Dorset Recreation Centre. Please call Ebba Russell for information or to book an appointment, 766-2264.

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavor to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Times at 286-4768, emailed to editor@mindentimes.on.ca., or brought in to the office. **NOTE:** This calendar is **NOT A COMPREHENSIVE LISTING OF ALL EVENTS** taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in The Times for more information on events and in the Highlands.

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290 COMING EVENTS

BUS TRIP to **Canadian Sewing and Needlework Festival** (International Centre - Toronto) and **Etoibicoquit Show** Admission \$4 (Neilson Park Creative Centre) **Friday, April 19, 2002** Tickets: Adults \$40 Senior (60+) \$30 (Price includes bus trip and admission to the Sewing and Needlework Festival) **Sponsored by Haliburton Highland Quilters** Advanced ticket deadline - April 10th **For further details call Marg: 489-2849**

Minden & District Horticulture Society April 2 - 7:15 p.m. **Minden Community Centre SPRING MEETING** Guest Speaker: Marilyn Lawrey-Rivendell Herb Farm - Herbal Show & Sale Easter Lunch Theme - Chocolate Anything! See you there! Everyone welcome! CA

PHYSICAL JOURNEYS FITNESS Spring Fitness Programs **April 3 - June 27** Minden & Haliburton Studios • Pre-Registration Required To Register: Phone Lorie Kah **457-3224** Certified Fitness Trainer CA

300 ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHAOS CRAFTS • Tolepainting Classes • Ceramic Classes • Firing • Delta Paints **286-3435** For Information

THE STANHOPE HERITAGE MUSEUM presents **An Evening with...** an informative and lively series of presentations **2nd Tuesday of each month at Club 35, Halls Lake at 7:00 p.m.** Admission by donation - Refreshments **April 9** "A Dinosaur in Haliburton?" Yup. Join members of the Haliburton Outdoors Association as they spin the tale of finding the 'Haliburton Gold', a 10,000 year-old type of fish - right here in the Highlands! Featuring displays and info about the Fish Hatchery and its importance in our community. **May 14** "Where Has All The Water Gone?" Geologist John Etches explains why our lakes are depleted each year and demonstrates the process with a working model. **For more information, call Carol Moffatt at 489-3554** CA

390 PUBLIC NOTICES

BE ADVISED THAT JOHN E. FRANCIS FUELS, gives notice to Mr. Shane Sisson of Minden; that any and all items in the storage unit #11 will be sold and/or disposed of for arrears in rent. The above person must contact John E. Francis Fuels at (705) 286-2738, R.R.#1, Minden, ON K0M 2K0 by April 30, 2002. CA

THE DEADLINE FOR CLASSIFIEDS is **Thursday at 5 p.m.**

460 OBITUARIES

ELEANOR MARGARET PYE Passed away peacefully at the Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home, Minden on Monday, March 25, 2002 In her 91st year

Loving mother of Mary Hicks and her husband Jim of Minden, Jim Pye and his wife Marion of Hillsburg and predeceased by her husband John Pye and son Harry Pye of Minden. Very dear grandmother of Debbie and Rick O'Connell of Toronto, Denise and Sean Hailey of Brampton, Beth and Dave Bryan of Carnarvon and Andrea Golden of Orangeville. Great grandmother of Katie, Kristen, Brendan and Ryan O'Connell, Jason and Sean Bailey, Heather and Todd Bryan and step grandmother to Bill and Kathy, Bruce and Cheri, Brad and Karen, Cindy and Barry and great step grandmother to their children. Dear sister of Jack Rushby of Waterloo, Marion Trimble of Peterborough. Predeceased by brothers Sidney, Ted, Fred and sister June. Fondly remembered by her many nieces and nephews. Special aunt to Jean Willis. Eleanor moved from Brampton to Minden in 1981. She had her own home for several years and was then a resident of Staunworth Court and Staunworth Terrace before moving to Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., Minden K0M 2K0 (1-888-588-5777) on Friday from 7-9 pm. Then to Zion United Church, Carnarvon for a Memorial Service on Saturday, March 30, 2002 at 1:00 pm. Memorial donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) or to the Zion United Church, Carnarvon would be appreciated by the family. CA

FERRILL, IRA EDWARD "PERRY" (formerly of Head Lake, Ontario): At Soldiers Memorial Hospital in Orillia on Monday evening, March 25, 2002, in his 89th year. Beloved husband of the late Lily May Baker and companion to Elizabeth Fryer. Loving father of Ken and his wife Barbara of Cobocok. Fondly remembered by his grandchildren Katherine (Mrs. Frank Miller) and Janet (Mrs. Scott Hutchison) and his four great grandchildren Frank, Jessica, Reg and Shealeigh. Dear brother of Alma and Hazel. Predeceased by his son Norman, brothers Leslie, Carl, Jack and sisters Sibla, Elizabeth & Alva. Also lovingly remembered by Bonnie Ferrill and her husband, Ken Burgett and many nieces and nephews. Friends are invited to call at the COBOCONK COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME, Hwy #35, Cobocok, Ontario (705) 454-3913 on Wednesday afternoon, March 27, 2002 from 2-4 and 7-9 pm. Funeral Service in the Chapel on Thursday morning, March 28, 2002 at 11 o'clock. Spring interment Minden Cemetery, Minden. As expressions of sympathy donations to a charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family. CA

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